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RUSHDIE HONOURED

Author Salman Rushdie receives the Peace Prize of the German Book Trade during a ceremony at the Church of St Paul in Frankfurt, Germany, on Sunday. He was honoured for continuing to write despite enduring decades of threats and violence. Rushdie was attacked at a literary event in New York last year, causing him to lose sight in one eye | AP

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged /charged to the **Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore-1,** the possession of which has been taken by the **Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore-1** will be sold **on 28.11.2023 "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrowers. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below.

Name of Borrowers and Guarantors	Total Liabilities as per Sale Notice	Description of Immovable Assets	Auction Date & Time	Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit [EMD] Date & Time	1) Incremental Value at Bid 2) A/c No. & IFSC
1. M/s Mallella Infrastructure Private Limited through Its Director Sri M Pawan Kumar, Smt M Latha Preeti and Sri K Charan Kumar Regd Office: No 540, 17th Main 4th Sector, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560 102 **2. Sri M Pawan Kumar,** S/o Sri M Nagireddy No.307/7, 23rd Cross, 6th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560070 **3. Smt M Latha Preeti,** W/o Sri M Pawan Kumar No.307/7, 23rd Cross, 6th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560070. **4. Sri K Charan Kumar,** S/o and C/o Sri Reddeppa Reddy, No.54 Ground Floor, UAS Layout 8th Cross RMV 2nd Stage, Sanjaynagar, Bangalore North, PO:RMV Extension II Stage, Bengaluru-560 094	**Rs.38,12,20,991.44/-** (Rupees Thirty Eight Crores Twelve lakhs twenty thousand nine hundred ninety one and Paisa forty four only) of M/s Mallela Infrastructure Private Limited and others including costs and interest as on 30/09/2023 together with future interest, expenses and costs etc till realization	**1.** All that piece and parcel of the Property residential Site No.252, erstwhile Begur Village PanchayathKhatha No.766/A, carved on residential converted land bearing Sy.No. 396 (New No. 396/1), converted under Official Memorandum bearing No. Dis.ALN.SR.(S) 128/85-86, dated 19.9.1985, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, comprised in the comprehensive residential layout known as "Vishwapriya Greeneries", presently under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Begur Ward No. 192, bearing Khatha No.1583/252, situated Begur Village, BegurHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, Bangalore, including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto, measuring East to West 100 feet and North to South 60 feet, in all measuring 6000 sq. ft., and bounded on the: East by : Road, West by : Site No.253, North by : Site No. 251, South by : Others' Property	**28/11/2023** from **11.30 A.M.** to **12.00 Noon**	**Reserve Price:** Rs. 1,82,00,000/- **EMD:** Rs. 18,20,000/- **24/11/2023** up to **3.00 PM.**	1) Multiplies of Rs.50,000/- 2) A/c No. 209272434 IFSC : CNRB0006298 **Encumbrance (s):** Not Known to the Bank
		2. All that piece and parcel of the Property residential Site No.249, erstwhile Begur Village PanchayathKhatha No.766/A, carved on residential converted land bearing Sy.No. 396 (New No. 396/1), converted under Official Memorandum bearing No. Dis.ALN.SR.(S) 128/85-86, dated 19.9.1985, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, comprised in the comprehensive residential layout known as "Vishwapriya Greeneries", presently under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore MahanagaraPalike (BBMP), Begur Ward No. 192, bearing Khatha No.1498/249, situated Begur Village, BegurHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, Bangalore, including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto, measuring East to West 70 feet and North to South 95 feet, in all measuring 6650 sq. ft., and bounded on the: East by : Site No.250, West by : Site No.248, North by : Site No. 246, South by : Road.		**Reserve Price:** Rs. 1,84,00,000/- **EMD:** Rs. 18,40,000/- **24/11/2023** up to **3.00 PM.**	
		3. All that piece and parcel of the Property residential Site No.248, erstwhile Begur Village PanchayathKhatha No.766/A, carved on residential converted land bearing Sy.No. 396 (New No.396/1), converted under Official Memorandum bearing No. Dis.ALN.SR.(S) 128/85-86, dated 19.9.1985, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, comprised in the comprehensive residential layout known as "Vishwapriya Greeneries", presently under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore MahanagaraPalike (BBMP), Begur Ward No. 192, bearing Khatha No.1500/248, situated Begur Village, BegurHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, Bangalore, including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 95 feet, in all measuring 5700 sq. ft., and bounded on the: East by : Site No.249, West by : Private Property, North by : Site No. 247, South by : Road.		**Reserve Price:** Rs. 1,57,00,000/- **EMD:** Rs. 15,70,000/- **24/11/2023** up to **3.00 PM.**	
		4. All that piece and parcel of the Property residential Site No.121, BBMP Khatha No.1803/121. New PID NO.192-W1298-50, (erstwhile Begur Village PanchayathKhatha No.1019-1181-766/A-1026/1184, measuring East to West 100 feet, and North to South 60 feet, in all measuring 6000 sq.ft., carved on residential converted land bearing Sy.No.114, (converted vide official memorandum bearing No.B.DIS.ALN.SR(S)581/82-83, dated 25.1.1982, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore), comprised in the comprehensive residential layout known as "Vishwapriya Greeneries", presently under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore MahanagaraPalike Ward No.192-Begur, situated at Begur village, BegurHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto and bounded on the: East by : Site No.120, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 122, South by : Road.		**Reserve Price:** Rs. 1,60,00,000/- **EMD:** Rs. 16,00,000/- **24/11/2023** up to **3.00 PM.**	
		5. All that piece and parcel of the Property residential Site No.77, BBMP Khatha No.1343/77, New PID No.192-W0422-10, (erstwhile Begur Village PanchayathKhatha No.1025-1183/1026-1184/766/C), measuring East to West 100 feet, North to South 60 feet, in all measuring 6,000 square feet, carved on residentially converted lands bearing Sy.No. 142, 143/1 and Sy.No.143/2, comprised in the comprehensive residential layout known as "Vishwapriya Greeneries", presently under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore MahanagaraPalike (BBMP), Begur Ward No. 192, situated Begur Village, BegurHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, Bangalore, including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto, and bounded on the: East by : Site No.52, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 78A, South by : Site No.76		**Reserve Price:** Rs. 1,60,00,000/- **EMD:** Rs. 16,00,000/- **24/11/2023** up to **3.00 PM.**	
		6. All that piece and parcel of the Property residential Site No.222, bearing BBMP Khatha No.1403/222, old Village Khatha Sl. No.600, Property No.222, previous Village khatha No. 766/A, measuring East to West 100 feet, North to South 60 feet, in all measuring 6000 square feet, formed in Converted Sy.No. 396 (new Sy.No.396/1), (converted for residential purposes under official memorandum No. ALN:SR(S)128/85-86, dated 19.9.1985, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dist., Bangalore), comprised in the comprehensive residential layout, situated at Begur Village, BegurHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, presently within BBMP Begur Ward No.192, and bounded on the: East by : Road, West by : Site No.227, North by : Site No. 223, South by : Site No.221.		**Reserve Price:** Rs. 52,00,000/- **EMD:** Rs. 5,20,000/- **24/11/2023** up to **3.00 PM.**	
		7. Item No.1. : All that piece and parcel of the Property residential Site No.182, bearing BBMP Khatha No.3315/117/7/182, situated in the layout known as"VISWAPRIYA GREENERIES", formed in the land converted land bearing Sy.No.117/7 ofBegur Village, BegurHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, (converted for residential purposes vide official Memorandum bearing No.BDIS.ALN.SR(S)154/81-82, dated 31.8.1981, by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District), measuring East to West 100 feet, North to South 38 feet, in all measuring 3800 square feet, presently within BBMP Begur Ward No.192, and bounded on the: East by : Site No.179, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 183, South by : Site No.181. **Item No.2. :** All that piece and parcel of the Property residential Site No.179, bearing BBMP Khatha No.3316/117/7/182, situated in the layout known as"VISWAPRIYA GREENERIES", formed in the land converted land bearing Sy.No.117/7 ofBegur Village, BegurHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, (converted for residential purposes vide official Memorandum bearing No.BDIS.ALN.SR(S)154/81-82, dated 31.8.1981, by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District), measuring East to West 100 feet, North to South 38 feet, in all measuring 3800 square feet, presently within BBMP Begur Ward No.192, and bounded on the: East by : Road, West by : Site No.182, North by : Site No. 178, South by : Site No.180.		**Reserve Price:** Rs. 2,03,00,000/- **EMD:** Rs. 20,30,000/- **24/11/2023** up to **3.00 PM.**	
		8. All that piece and parcel of the Property residential Site No.160, BBMP Khatha No.1191/160, (erstwhile Begur Village PanchayathKhatha No.1025, House List No.1183), carved on residential converted land bearing Sy.No. 141, comprised in the comprehensive residential layout known as "Vishwapriya Greeneries", presently under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore MahanagaraPalike (BBMP), Begur Ward No. 192, situated Begur Village, BegurHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, Bangalore, including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto, measuring East to West 100 feet and North to South 60 feet, in all measuring 6000 sq. ft., and bounded on the: East by : Site No.137, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 161, South by : Site No.159.		**Reserve Price:** Rs 52,00,000/- **EMD:** Rs 5,20,000/- **24/11/2023** up to **3.00 PM.**	
		9. All that piece and parcel of the Property residential Site No.201, formed in Converted Sy. No. 113, (converted for residential purposes under official memorandum No. ALN:SR(S)270/80-81, dated 05-09-1980, issued by the special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban Dist. Bangalore) Presently bearing BBMP Khatha No. 290/201, situated at Begur village, BegurHobli, Bangalore, South Taluk, Presently within BBMP Begur, Ward No. 192, measuring East to West 120 feet and North to south 60 feet, and bounded on the: East by : Basapura Village, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 202, South by : Private Property.		**Reserve Price:** Rs 62,30,000/- **EMD:** Rs 6,23,000/- **24/11/2023** up to **3.00 PM.**	
		10. All that piece and parcel of the Property residential Site No.203, formed in Converted Sy. No. 113, (converted for residential purposes under official memorandum No. ALN:SR(S)270/80-81, dated 05-09-1980, issued by the special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban Dist. Bangalore) Presently bearing BBMP Khatha No. 633/203, situated at Begur village, BegurHobli, Bangalore, South Taluk, Presently within BBMP Begur, Ward No. 192, measuring East to West 120 feet and North to south 60 feet, and bounded on the: East by : Basapura Village, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 204, South by : Site No. 202.		**Reserve Price:** Rs 62,30,000/- **EMD:** Rs 6,23,000/- **24/11/2023** up to **3.00 PM.**	
		11. All that piece and parcel of the Property residential Site No.202, formed in Converted Sy. No. 113, (converted for residential purposes under official memorandum No. ALN:SR(S)270/80-81, dated 05-09-1980, issued by the special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban Dist. Bangalore) Presently bearing BBMP Khatha No. 291/202, situated at Begur village, BegurHobli, Bangalore, South Taluk, Presently within BBMP Begur, Ward No. 192, measuring East to West 120 feet and North to south 60 feet, and bounded on the: East by : Basapura Village, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 203, South by : Site No. 201.		**Reserve Price:** Rs 62,30,000/- **EMD:** Rs 6,23,000/- **24/11/2023** up to **3.00 PM.**	
1. M/s Nishi Forex & Leisure Pvt Ltd. No.536,Ground Floor Amar Jyothi Layout,Domlur 100 feet Intermediate Ring Road, Bengaluru-560071 **2. Sri.Ramachandra K,** Director-Guarantor S/o Kuppanna No.936, 11th Main Road HAL 2nd stahe, Indiranagar, Bengaluru-560008. **Also at:** No.46,Sorahunase Road, Varthur Adjacent to Grandeur Park Apartments, Bengaluru-560087 **3. Sri. Arjun A, Director-** Guarantor/Mortgager S/o Sri.Anantha No.46, Sorahunase, Varthur, Adjacent to Grandeur Park Apartments, Bengaluru-560087 **4. Sri-Anatha-**Guarantor/Mortgagor S/o Sri.Dodda Thippanna No.46, Sorahunase, Varthur Adjacent to Grandeur Park Apartments, Bengaluru-560087 **5. Smt.Aruna A-** Guarantor/Mortgagor W/o Sri.Ramachandra K No.46, Sorahunase, Varthur Adjacent to Grandeur Park Apartments, Bengaluru-560087 **6. Smt.Renuka-** Guarantor/Mortgagor W/o Sri.Anantha No.46, Sorahunase, Varthur Adjacent to Grandeur Park Apartments, Bengaluru-560087	**Rs.37,92,07,966.80 /-** (Rupees Thirty seven crores Ninety two lakhs seven thousand nine hundred sixty six and Paisa Eighty only) as on 30.09.2023 plus further interest thereon and other expenses due to Canara Bank from M/s Nishi Forex & Leisure Pvt Ltd rep.by Directors/ Guarantors/ mortgagors (1.Sri.Ramachandra K, 2.Sri.Arjun A, 3.Smt.Aruna A, 4.Sri.Anantha, 5.Smt.Renuka)	**1.** All that piece and parcel of the land and building in Sy.No.57/5 to the extent of 2 Acres and 20 Guntas out of 3 Acres 13 Guntas in Sy.no.57,of Varthur Village,Varthur Hobli,Bengaluru East Taluk belonging to Sri.Arjun A.Out of 2 Acres and 20 Guntas of land,37 Guntas of land has been given for Joint Development with M/s CMRS Infrastructure Pvt Ltd and the balance land(property put for sale) measuring to an extent of 1 Acre 23 Guntas and bounded on: East by : Remaining portion of the land in Sy.No.57/5(given to M/s CMRS Infrastructure Pvt Ltd for Joint Development). West by : Remaining portion of the Land in Sy.No.57/4 North by : Land in Sy.No.56 South by : Land in Sy.No.58	**28/11/2023** from **11.30 A.M.** to **12.00 Noon**	**Reserve Price:** Rs.17,40,00,000/- **EMD:** Rs.1,74,00,000/- **24/11/2023** up to **3.00 PM.**	1) Multiplies of Rs.50,000/- 2) A/c No. 209272434 IFSC : CNRB0006298 **Encumbrance (s):** Not Known to the Bank
		2. All that piece and parcel of the land property measuring 0 Acres 09 Guntas out of total 3 Acres 19 Guntas, extent 3 Acres 13 Guntas and together with Kharab 0 Acres 06 Guntas in Sy.No.57/1 of Varthur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk belonging to Sri.Anantha and Smt.Renuka,bounded on: East by : Portion of same number fallen to the share of Smt.Aruna A West by : Rajakaluve North by : Land of Krishnappa South by : Land of Jayarama Reddy.		**Reserve Price:** Rs.2,48,00,000/- **EMD:** Rs.24,80,000/- **24/11/2023** up to **3.00 PM.**	
		3. All that piece and parcel of the land property measuring 0 Acres 08 Guntas out of total 3 Acres 19 Guntas ,extent 3 Acres 13 Guntas and together with Kharab 0 Acres 06 Guntas in Sy.No.57/2 of Varthur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk belonging to Smt.Aruna A,bounded on: East by : Portion of same number fallen to the share of Smt.Archana West by : Portion of same number fallen to the share of Sri.Anantha & Smt.Renuka, North by : Land of Krishnappa South by : Land of Jayarama Reddy.		**Reserve Price:** Rs.2,20,00,000/- **EMD:** Rs.22,00,000/- **24/11/2023** up to **3.00 PM.**	

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

a) Auction/bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website https://www.indianbankseauction.com. Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
b) The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer
c) The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process.
d) EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited by way of DD favouring Authorised officer, Canara Bank, ARM Branch II, Bangalore OR through online (RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer) to credit the account number 209272434, Canara Bank, ARM Branch II, RTGS/NEFT IFSCCODE CNRB0006298 on or before 24/11/2023- 5.00 p.m.
e) Intending bidders shall hold a valid digital signature certificate and e-mail address. For details with regard to digital signature please contact the service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore - e- mail: eauction@ccsl.co.in Contact Persons & Numbers:- Mr. Pakhare DD/Mr.Ramesh T H – 9480691777 & 8553643144.
f) After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before 24/11/2023 - 3.00 PM, to Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore by hand or by email.
   i) Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT, acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No.
   ii) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount.
   iii) Bidders Name. Contact No. Address, E Mail Id.
   iv) Bidder's A/c details for online refund of EMD.
g) The intending bidders should register their names at service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore - e- mail: eauction@ccsl.co.in Contact Persons & Numbers:- Mr.Pakhare DD/Mr.Ramesh T H – 9480691777 & 8553643144.
h) EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD shall not carry any interest.
i) Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiplies of Rs.50,000/-. The bidder who submits the highest bid (above the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor.
j) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorised Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again.
k) For sale proceeds of Rs.50.00 lacs (Rupees Fifty Lacs only) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at the applicable rate on the Sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the Bank.
l) All charges for conveyance, stamp duty/GST, registration charges, tax arrears, other charges, dues etc., as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only.
m) Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the e-auction without assigning any reason thereof.
n) In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the e-auction, they can approach concerned Circle office or Canara Bank ARM branch II who, as a facilitating centre, shall make necessary arrangements.
o) Bidder has to make due diligence and physical verification of property with regard to title, extent, area dues, etc. No claim subsequent to submission of bid shall be entertained by the bank
P) For further details contact Ranjan Kumar, Chief Manager, Canara Bank, ARM Branch-2- (9483544116-080-25310181) e-mail id or the service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore - e- mail:eauction@ccsl.co.in Contact Persons & Numbers:- Mr. Pakhare DD/Mr.Ramesh T H – 9480691777 & 8553643144

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION / CAUTION

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back –up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 21/10/2023

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its owners: **Smt. PRAMILA MADHUSUDAN**, W/o late C.S. Madhusudan and her children namely, **Sri. M. GURURAJ, Sri. M. VENKATESH & Sri. M. TILAK,** all residing at: No.73, Ranga Rao Road, Shankarapuram, Bengaluru-560004.

If any person/s have any manner of right, title, interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule property by the aforesaid owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objections in writing, along with the supporting legal documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within **14 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of (a)the Ground Floor House property bearing Municipal No.73, PID No.49-65-73; (b) the First Floor House property bearing Municipal No.73/2, PID No.49-65-73/2 and (c) the Ground Floor House property bearing Municipal No.73/3, PID No.49-65-73/3, built in the land measuring East to West (84'+86'3")/2 and North to South 46'6", situated at Ranga Rao Road, Shankarapuram, Bangalore-560004 and bounded on:

East by : Ranga Rao Road
West by : Property of Sri. B. Vasudeva Murthy
North by : Property of Sri.A.Suresh and property of Sri. P.R.Sudarshan (formerly belonged to C.S. Narayanaswamy)
South by : Property of Sri. C.S. Ramanath

Sd/- S.F. Goutam Chand
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** (Formerly known as Janalakshmi Financial Services Limited)., under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notices** to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrower(s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and/ or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/ Time & Type of Possession
1	**46989630000751**	**1) Mr. Narasimhamurthy H, S/o. Mr. Honna Chowdaian, 2) Mrs. Jayamma G**	**Rs.4,06,622.38** (Rupees Four Lakh Six Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Two and Paisa Thirty Eight Only) **dues as on 04-08-2023**	**Date: 19-10-2023 Time: 03:30 P.M. Symbolic Possession**
	Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Assessment No.226/296/2, E Katha No.150300300900320226, Situated at Kodihalli Village comes within the Channadevi Agrahara Village Panchayath, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Measuring East to West: 5.0292 Meters, North to South: 16.764 Meters, Totally Measuring 84.31 Sq.mtrs. and **Bounded on the: East by:** Sandu, **West by:** Bylappa House, **North by:** Charandi, **South by:** Road.			
2	**47519430000302 & 47519680000041**	**1) Mr. Somashekar B Navi, Also at: M/s. Vidya Gross Roots, 2) Mrs. Suma**	**Rs.14,46,597.42** (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Forty Six Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Seven and Forty Two Paisa Only) **due as on 13-08-2023**	**Date: 19-10-2023 Time: 03:05 P.M. Symbolic Possession**
	Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Sy.No.63/3, E-Khatha No.372, Property ID No.152900402000420317, situated at Billakempanahalli Village, Bidadi Hobali, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagar District and **Bounded by the: East:** Property of Ashok, **West:** Remaining Portion of the same property, **North:** Chikka Hanumaiah's land, **South:** 20 feet road left in same Sy. Number and remaining land of Vendor. Measuring 0.01 ¼ Guntas.			

Whereas, the Borrower's/ Co-borrowers'/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken symbolic possession** of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/ Co-borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/ Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured Assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore Rural	**Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 23.10.2023	**Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

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RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.3,17,40,627/- (Rupees Three Crore Seventeen Lakh Forty Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Seven only)** as on **24-08-2023** together with further interest to be charged from **25-08-2023** onwards, other expenses and any other dues to the bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. Keerthi Enterprises, No.23, 3rd Cross, Nanjappa Garden, Babusa Palaya, Bangalore - 560016. No.2) Mr. K.P. Devaiah, S/o. Mr. K.G. Poovaiah, No.34, 2nd Floor, 2nd Cross, Varnasi Road, Sunny Layout, T.C. Palya, Bangalore - 560036. No.3) Mrs. K.D. Ramya, W/o. Mr. K.P. Devaiah, No.34, 2nd Floor, 2nd Cross, Varnasi Road, Sunny Layout, T.C. Palya, Bangalore - 560036. No.4) M/s. Samskruthi Enterprises, Shop No.23, 3rd Cross, Nanjappa Garden, Babusa Palaya, Bangalore - 560016.**

Note:- In addition to the above borrowers availed credit facilities CUB OSL Special 501812080040219, CUB OSL Special 501812080050372, CUB OSL Special 501812080047039, CUB OSL Special 501812080043666, Other housing loan 501312030010102. Total dues as on **24-08-2023** is **Rs.3,76,73,696/- (Rupees Three Crore Seventy Six Lakh Seventy Three Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Six only)** and further interest to be charged from **25-08-2023.** Excess sale proceeds will be adjusted towards these dues.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property Owned by Mr. K.P. Devaiah, S/o. Mr. K. Ganapathi Poovaiah)

Schedule - A : Residential Land under Sy.No.134, situated at Thippapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, to an extent of 0.12.08 Guntas which is have the following boundaries (Consisting of sites bearing Nos.1 to 8: East - Rangappa's Property, West - Muniyappa's Property, North - Govt. Road, South - Rangappa's Property.

Reserve Price : Rs.70,00,000/-
(Rupees Seventy Lakh only)

(Property Owned by Mr. K.P. Devaiah, S/o. Mr. K. Ganapathi Poovaiah)

Schedule - B : All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Municipal No.40, PID No.22-78-40, situated at 62nd Cross, 5th Block, Rajaji Nagar, BBMP Ward No.22, Bangalore measuring East to West 29 feet, North to South 49 feet, Totally measuring 1,421 Sq.ft. together with building thereon Ground Floor and First Floor and bounded on the:- East by - Site No.627, West by - Site No.625, North by - Site Nos.693 & 694, South by - Road.

Reserve Price : Rs.2,60,00,000/-
(Rupees Two Crore Sixty Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
16-11-2023	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Rajaji Nagar Branch,** No.1002/55, KRK Chambers, Ist Main, 4th Block, 80 Feet Dr. Rajkumar Road, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560010. Telephone No.080-23155151, Cell No.9379757170.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Rajaji Nagar Branch, No.1002/55, KRK Chambers, Ist Main, 4th Block, 80 Feet Dr. Rajkumar Road, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560010. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-23155151, Cell No.9379757170. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever- there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 21-10-2023 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

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IMD has forecast rains in coastal states after formation of a low-pressure area in Bay of Bengal | EXPRESS

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Ayudha Pooja

Our offices and press will remain closed today and there will be no issue of the paper on Tuesday

DEPRESSION OVER BAY OF BENGAL MAY BECOME CYCLONE BY TUESDAY

The depression over the Bay of Bengal may become a low-intensity cyclonic storm by October 24, the IMD said on Sunday

DEPRESSION LIES 610 KM SOUTH OF PARADIP

The depression lies centred around 610 km south of Odisha's Paradip. "The system is likely to further intensify into a deep depression over the next 24 hours. It will move northwestwards in the subsequent 12 hours and then move towards the Bangladesh-West Bengal coasts in the following three days," the India Meteorological Department said

TEJ UPGRADED TO SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM

- Cyclone 'Tej', brewing in the Arabian Sea, intensified into an extremely severe cyclonic storm on Sunday and is headed towards the Yemen-Oman coasts, the IMD said
- The cyclonic storm is predicted to move northwestwards and cross the Yemen-Oman coasts around noon on October 24 | P7

140 kmph
WILL BE THE WIND SPEED OF CYCLONE TEJ

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Visa services for Canadians soon, says Jaishankar

India possibly got assurances from Canada on security for diplomats there, say experts

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

A day after the US and UK expressed their displeasure over India forcing Canada to withdraw 41 diplomats, foreign minister S Jaishankar said it may soon resume visa services, which were suspended a month ago. Speaking at an event here on Sunday, Jaishankar said India is reviewing the security situation that its diplomats face in Canada and expressed hope that it may be able to resume visa services soon.

This, however, need not be viewed as India's climbdown after pressure from Canada's Five Eye allies, say experts.

"The hint from Jaishankar that there could be an improvement in security conditions, leading to a restoration of visa services, may mean that some quiet discussions have taken place about credible assurance from Canada on security cover for our diplomats in that country," former diplomat P S Raghavan told this newspaper.

According to sources, the security threat Indian diplomats have faced in Canada is genuine. Indian diplomats posted in Canada have faced problems from Khalistani supporters in the past too, they point out.

India had suspended issuance visas to Canadians on September 21 citing heightened security threats to its diplomatic missions there and lack of action by the Canadian authorities to deal with the threats.

Pro-Khalistan groups had called for a shutdown of India's diplomatic missions in Canada after Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau alleged India's role in the killing of Canada-based Khalistani militant Hardeep Singh Nijjar in June.

After that, India raised the issue of diplomatic parity with Canada, forcing Ottawa to withdraw over 40 diplomats from India. Trudeau claimed India violated the Vienna Convention, a claim trashed by India.

On Sunday, Jaishankar clarified that one reason why India sought downsizing of Canadian diplomats here was that they were interfering in the country's internal affairs.

"We had discomfort with many of them and soon people will realise why we had discomfort with many of them," he added.

After the 'excess' Canadian diplomats were forced to leave India, both the US and UK had rushed to support Ottawa, expressing their displeasure over the diplomatic tussle.

In that context, Jaishankar's announcement on Sunday could ease tensions.

HIGH-FIVE FOR INDIA

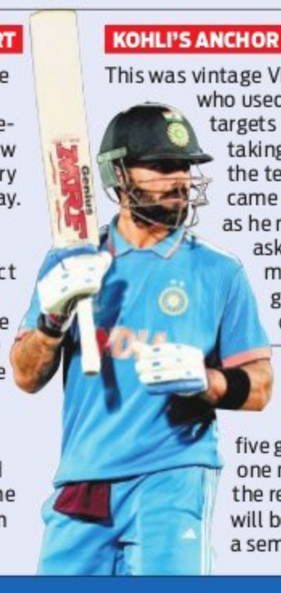
Sunday was going to be a big test but India mastered New Zealand for their fifth straight win at the World Cup. A look at the match...

BUMRAH, SIRAJ, SHAMI TRIPLE THREAT

Even though the spinners suffered an off day with respect to the wickets, the pacers delivered once again. Jasprit Bumrah's and Mohammed Siraj's opening burst was mint (37 dots, one wicket in the first eight overs) but it was Mohammed Shami's fifer that broke the Kiwis' platform.

ROHIT'S START

The one change from Rohit Sharma's white-ball batting now is his daredevilry in the powerplay. He displayed that again to maximum effect as he tried to break the chase early doors. 40 off his 46 came in boundaries (4x4, 4x6). By the time the Black Caps had removed him, he had given them the platform



KOHLI'S ANCHOR

This was vintage Virat Kohli, the one who used to hunt down targets with elan. After taking his time, he upped the tempo. Boundaries came off multiple bowlers as he maintained the asking rate at a manageable level going into the end overs

10 India are top of the table with 10 points from five games. If they win one more game out of the remaining four, they will be virtualy assured of a semifinal spot | P13

RAVINDRA-MITCHELL PARTNERSHIP

At 2/19 after 8.1 overs, it seemed like normal service for the Indian bowlers. But a superb partnership from the pair of Rachin Ravindra and Daryl Mitchell — 159 runs at better than run-a-ball — transferred pressure back on to the hosts. Rohit Sharma's bowlers had owned the middle overs thus far but on Sunday, they didn't find many answers

I.N.D.I.A

ALLIES FEEL CONG NOT ACCOMMODATIVE

The Samajwadi Party and the Congress may have reached a temporary truce after a public spat over seat sharing in poll-bound Madhya Pradesh, but there is a perception within the Opposition INDIA bloc that the grand old party is not accommodative enough of the regional parties | P10

INDIA SENDS 38 TONNES OF RELIEF MATERIAL TO GAZA

YESHI SELI @ @ New Delhi

A new convoy of 17 vehicles carrying essential items for Palestinians entered war-torn enclave through the Rafah crossing on Sunday, a day after 20 trucks carrying aid were allowed in to the besieged Gaza Strip. However, this will not meet the needs of Gaza's 2.4 million residents, according to the United Nations. The UN says that at least 100 truckloads of aid should reach Gaza daily in view of the 'catastrophic' humanitarian situation there.

India on Sunday sent 38 tonnes of relief material, including medicines and medical equipment, for the people of Palestine, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Sunday. The consignments were sent in a C-17 transport aircraft of the Indian Air Force to El-Arish airport in Egypt.

MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said the relief materials were handed over to the Egyptian Red Crescent for onward transmission to Palestine. "India sends Humanitarian aid to the people of Palestine. An IAF C-17 flight carrying nearly 6.5 tonnes of medical aid and 32 tonnes of disaster relief material for the people of Palestine departs for El-Arish airport in Egypt," Bagchi said on 'X'.

An IAF C-17 flight carrying medical aid and disaster relief material for the people of Palestine before departing for El-Arish airport in Egypt | PTI

India's relief materials included life-saving medicines, surgical items, tents, sleeping bags, tarpaulins, sanitary utilities, water purification tablets among other essential items.

On Sunday, India flew its sixth flight carrying 143 persons, including two Nepalese citizens and four infants, from Israel under 'Operation Ajay'.

The voluntary departure of Indian nationals was necessitated after armed Hamas militants based in the Gaza Strip launched an unprecedented attack on Israel by land, air, and sea on October 7.

So far, five chartered flights from Tel Aviv arrived in Delhi with nearly 1,200 passengers, including women and children. As many as 18 Nepalese citizens, too, were flown back by India from Israel.

Israel-Hezbollah fight gets hot

AGENCIES

AMID continuing Israeli bombardment of Gaza, two airports in Syria and a mosque in West Bank were struck by Israel and Lebanon's Hezbollah announced that five more of its members died in intensifying clashes with Israeli forces, causing fear that the conflict may be escalating.

Syrian state media reported that Israeli airstrikes have targeted the international airports in the capital, Damascus, and the northern city of Aleppo. It said the strikes killed one person and damaged the runways, putting them out of service.

Israel had on October 12, simultaneous strikes hits both Damascus and Aleppo airports, Syria said at the time. Israel has traded fire with Lebanon's Hezbollah militant group on a near-daily basis since the war began.

Meanwhile, the United States warned Iran or its allies against any escalation. "No one should take advantage of this moment to escalate to further attacks on Israel... ," US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said. P11

7-year-old boy dies after taking nati medicine

V VELAYUDHAM @ Chikkaballapur

A seven-year-old boy died after allegedly consuming a concoction given by a traditional medicine practitioner in Chikkaballapur. Though the incident occurred on October 13, it came to light only recently.

Chikkaballapur SP DL Nagesh said the boy, Vedesh, a resident of Nallaguttapalaya, had rashes in his ears. His parents Srinivas and Sashikala, who are illiterate and daily wage labourers, took him to the traditional medical practitioner at Boyinehalli, 15 km away from their village.

The traditional medicine practitioner, Satheesh, gave the drug, but the boy's condition did not improve. It only got worse and around 10.30 am on October 13, his parents rushed him to the government hospital, but doctors declared him brought dead, the SP said.

The police were not informed and the body was buried around 3 pm the same day. Finding it suspicious, a Dalit leader rushed to the government hospital and got the death certificate. P7

Cash-for-ticket: Ex-engineer swindled of ₹2.55 crore

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @ Hosapete

ANOTHER case of swindling a BJP ticket aspirant to contest the May Assembly election has come to light in Vijayanagara district. This is the second such case after Hindu activist Chaitra Kundapura and three others were arrested for defrauding a businessman of Rs 5 crore by promising him a ticket for the Assembly elections.

In the latest instance, some local BJP leaders allegedly fleeced a retired engineer of over Rs 2.55 crore by promising him the party ticket to contest from the Hagaribommanahalli SC reserved constituency. They allegedly misused the name of BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel too. The victim, retired PWD engineer Shivamurthy C (62) from Havasi village in Hagaribommanahalli taluk, has filed a complaint at the Kotturu police station, alleging that BJP leaders Revanasiddappa and Shekar NP conned him.

He said, "Revanasiddappa met me during a felicitation ceremony after my retirement in October last year. He offered me a BJP ticket to contest from Hagaribommanahalli and made me meet another BJP leader from Puttur taluk of Dakshina Kannada, Shekar NP." P6

In October, they took Rs 1 crore from me and over time, I paid Rs 2.55 crore. They fooled me using a fake call recording, making it look like the proceedings of the BJP central ticket selection committee

Shivamurthy C, retired PWD engineer

EXPRESS READ

Infiltration bid foiled, two militants killed

Srinagar: Security forces foiled an infiltration bid along the Line of Control in Uri of Jammu and Kashmir by killing two militants. "As per our assessment, recovery of two blood-stained bags confirms that at least two other terrorists were grievously injured," a defence spokesperson said.

Cong announces 43 more candidates for Raj polls

New Delhi: The Congress on Sunday released its second list of 43 candidates for the November 25 Rajasthan assembly elections. Minister of State for Higher Education Rajendra Singh Yadav was fielded from the Kotputli seat.

NRIs lose property, but authorities of no help

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

A Bengalurean – Subhas Balappanavar, who is settled in California, US, for the last 14 years -- is fighting a lone battle after remittances he sent to his father, now deceased, are gone and his ancestral agricultural land of 14 acres in his hometown of Bagalkot worth Rs 2 crore that he inherited after his father passed away has been taken away.

Speaking to TNIE from the US, Balappanavar said, "Remember, 30-plus per cent of Indian forex reserves are because of NRI remittances. As an NRI, I pay taxes not only in the US, but in India too. It is sad that when we leave our place of birth, people turn predators and gobble up our savings and our lands and the system watches in utter apathy."

He is not alone. Another NRI, Mohan Kumar HG who is in Maryland, Rockwell, told TNIE, "A friend who studied with me in school borrowed Rs 10 lakh about ten years ago and has not returned it. CONTINUED ON: P7

'State needs NRI dept'

Arathi Krishna, deputy chairman of NRI Forum, said, "We need to set up a department for NRIs to redress issues effectively."

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Monday: 23/10/2023 • Year: Shobhakruta • Ayana: Dakshinayana
Ritu: Sharad • Masa: Ashwayuja • Paksha: Shukla • Tithi: Navami 2.56 pm
Nakshatra: Shravana 3.33 pm • Moon in Kumbha Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am
Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 20°C | MAX 30°C
FORECAST Cloudy

Sunrise 6.10 am
Sunset 5.56 pm
Moonrise 12.38 am
Moonset 1.32 pm

REGULAR TREND

Prices of fruits, flowers double during festive season

TISHA ATAL @ Bengaluru

With Ayudha Puja on Oct 23 and Vijayadashami 24, there is an increase in the demand for fruits, flowers and vegetables, resulting in a ususal price hike, right before the festival.

The prices of certain fruits and flowers have doubled or even tripled during in the last week, leaving citizen to face the brunt of the price-hike.

Girish Muchal, general secretary of Karnataka small flower growers association, said, "The demand for open-field flower varieties like chrysanthemum, marigold and cuban rose have increased. The price of chrysanthemum and marigold have doubled, whereas the price of cube roses have tripled." This is a regular trend we observe during all festive seasons, he added.

Though the festive season bring more business to the vendors, people are forced to buy festive essentials at higher prices. Umesh Rathod, a resident of Malleshwaram said, "We are left with no choice but to buy the essentials at the quoted price. This trend in price rise is seen during every festival."

Another consumer, Priya Chetty Rajagopal said, "The prices of flowers and fruits go above the roof during every festival. This doesnt come to us as a surprise, we are used to it now, and it has become very common."

Along with flowers, and fruits, there was a visible spike in the prices of vegetables as well. Umesh Mirji, managing director of HOPCOMS, said that there is a rise in the demand for apples, pomegranates, papaya, guava and ash gourds during the festival, resulting in a price hike.

However, despite an increase in the demand for bananas, its price has reduced. Vegetables like cucumber and chow chow saw a minimal rise of Rs 5 and Rs 1 respectively.

Passenger traffic at KIA soars by 32%

Airport witnessed 1.85 cr pax in first half of fiscal compared to 1.40 cr last year

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THE boom in passenger traffic at Bengaluru airport continues, with it recording a 32 percent increase in patronage in the first half of this financial year when compared to the corresponding period, previous year, suggest the Airports Authority of India (AAI) report. This is well over the national average of 22.1 percent (18.31 crore) during the corresponding period, its Air Traffic report reveals.

Bengaluru airport witnessed 1,84,74,104 flyers this year between April and September, compared to 1,39,93,742 flyers last year. International passengers were around 22,29,524 compared to 16,77,541, seeing hike by 32.9 percent, putting the international traffic one percent above the domestic traffic (31.9 percent).

Bengaluru airport appears to be unaffected by the stoppage of certain routes which severely impacted airports like Belagavi, Mysuru and Kalaburagi.

Mangaluru, which has the only other international airport in the State, saw a dip of 0.9 percent in its international flyers. However, domestic traffic showed an increase of 9.5 percent recording 6,86,726 passengers. Hubballi also saw 30.1 percent increase.

However, Kalaburagi and Belagavi saw a huge dip in traffic by about 35.8 percent and 28.4 percent respectively. Mysuru saw a dip of 26.7 percent, and went into the five figure mark, touching only 76,475 against 1,04,330 last year.

A source in Belagavi airport said, "The discontinuation of services along different routes by different airlines has hit us hard and caused a drastic dip in patronage. Spicejet flights to Delhi, Mumbai and Hyderabad, Alliance Air to Pune and Star Air to Nasik, are all not operational now."

A source at Mysuru airport said, "We had Trujet flights from Mysuru to Belagavi running full, but the airlines stopped operations. IndiGo operations from Mysuru to Hubballi also discontinued. Alliance Air operating from Mysuru to Mangaluru they did not have good patronage. Our present runway can only accommodate ATR-72 aircraft. When the runway is expanded, other airlines might consider operations."

EXPRESS READ

45 teams take part in Azim Premji University's 'ecoXplorers' quiz

Bengaluru: Azim Premji University organised a nature, biodiversity, and forest intercollegiate quiz competition called 'ecoXplorers 2023' on Sunday. Forty-five teams participated in the quiz, which focused on a range of themes such as planetary phenomena, climate change, biodiversity, and urban ecology. Each winning team member received a Rs-10,000 cash prize, while each runner-up team member got Rs 7,500, including medals, and a set of books on the environment authored by the university faculty. On November 2, the university will also unveil the second edition of its annual climate festival, 'Forests of Life', which is a celebration of forests and is open to the public.

Major relief for Mantri, HC quashes FIR

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru:

IN a landmark decision that offered significant relief to real estate giant Mantri Developers, the Karnataka High Court quashed an FIR filed against the company and its founding members. The FIR, lodged at Subramanyapura police station, had accused them of misappropriating funds.

Justice M Nagaprasanna ruled in favour of the petitioners -- Sushil Pandurang Mantri, Pratik Sushil Mantri and Snehal Sushil Mantri – following their writ petition to nullify the complaint against them. The judgment, made public on October 17, clarifies the boundary between civil and criminal liability in contractual disputes.

The FIR refers to the complainant's investment to the tune of Rs 69 lakh in the project, and delay in delivery by Mantri Developers. Hence, a complaint was filed under Section 154 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

The verdict said, "Breach of contract may have several hues and forms. Every breach of contract, unless it is shrouded with dishonest intention at the outset, cannot become an offence under Sections 406 or 420 of the IPC." The court found there was no such dishonest intention in this case, making the criminal charges, as well as subsequent charges under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), unsustainable.

The Enforcement Directorate had initiated an investigation based on the original FIR, and had provisionally attached over 380 flats in 2022. The agency later attached properties worth Rs 300 crore, citing misappropriation and diversion of funds to other projects. However, this judgment raises questions about the validity of those actions.

Dhananjaya Padmanabhachar, the complainant, expressed disappointment with the High Court's ruling. "As the complainant of FIR 0163/2020, I didn't get justice in the High Court, and I am currently reviewing the court's orders. I will take appropriate legal action," he told TNIE.

The judgment serves as a crucial guideline for distinguishing between civil and criminal matters in contract-related disputes. By focusing on the lack of fraudulent intent in this particular case, it underscores the importance of 'intent' as a decisive factor in legal proceedings.

This case sets a precedent that might be cited in future disputes of a similar nature, urging the legal community to be more discerning when invoking criminal charges for what might essentially be a civil dispute.

10% opt for HSRP, govt may extend deadline

AKNISREE KARTHIK @ Bengaluru

EVEN as the deadline for the installation of High Security Registration Plates (HSRP) in vehicles registered prior to April 2019, nears (November 17), the public response remains lukewarm. Of the 2 crore old vehicles, only 1.75 lakh (less than 10 percent) have gotten their plates updated.

Senior transport officials said that the state government is likely to extend the deadline for HSRP installation and give wide publicity of the same, to encourage people to install it.

Speaking to TNIE, a senior transport official said, "The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has mandated affixation of HSRP number plates in old vehicles for various reasons, including the security, and to prevent misuse of vehicles. HSRP number plates cannot be removed once fixed, it has to be broken as they are fixed using revits, thereby eliminating any scope for exchange of number plates. There are around 2 crore vehicles that were registered in the state before April 1, 2019. All those vehicles which were registered after April 2019 have mandatorily installed HSRP."

While the state government notification has given a deadline till November 17, for the old vehicles to fall in line, the response is lukewarm. We were planning on wide scale publicity of the notification to encourage people, but had to temporarily halt it, as some people have taken the matter to court, arguing against permitting only the HSRP manufacturers authorised by the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) to fix the registration plates, the official said, and added that with less than a month for the deadline to end, the government may extend the deadline.

With this year's theme being 'Baro Mashe, Tero Parbon' (12 months, 13 festivals) the Ulsoor Bengalee Association pandal uses reuseable cardboard and jute for decoration, which includes 350 holy figurines from Hindu mythology.

Durga pandal decor goes green this season

PURAN CHOUDHARY @ Bengaluru

IN an ode to sustainability and eco-friendly celebration of festivals, the oldest Durga Puja pandal in Bengaluru has taken the green route this year. Using over 1,000 cardboard boxes and repainting them for the decorating the pandal in Ulsoor, The Bengalee Association wanted to and reuse material, and reduce pollution as much as possible.

With this year's theme being 'Baro Mashe, Tero Parbon' (12 months, 13 festivals), the Bengalee Association, established in the year 1959, has highlighted all the traditional festivals using cardboards and jute for decor. Over 350 dolls made of cardboard, depicting several holy figurines in Hindu mythology, have been placed in the pandal.

Once the festival concludes, the cardboard boxes will be dismantled and reused for other purposes, informed the association. "The background behind the idol is made entirely of jute using 140 metres of the material. The decorations took over two months and a total of 15 artisans were roped in from West Bengal and Karnataka to create cut-outs of different deities and other design elements," said Sujoy Upadhyay, a member of the association.

The idol of the goddess Durga is also made out of clay which stands on plywood. "The idol uses the clay from the banks of river Ganga, to give it the perfect finish that local clay wouldn't provide, and to give the clay structural grit, bamboo has been used," informed Siddhartha Sircar part of the association. "This year, the pandal has been designed by the younger generation of the association. They've beautifully combined traditional and modern elements, to make an interesting and unique experience," he added.

"We invited a children's NGO yesterday for lunch. We do it every year, it's a festival for everyone," added Upadhyay.

The pandal witnesses around 1,000 people every day, and on the Ashtami day, the pandal saw over 1,500 people coming from all parts of the city.

10-year-old city boy bags best photographer award in London

PURAN CHOUDHARY @ Bengaluru

10-year-old Vihaan Talya Vikas from Bengaluru, was awarded the best photographer in his category at the prestigious Wildlife Photographer of the Year (WPY) competition held in London.

Organised by the Natural History Museum, London, the competition showcases the finest wildlife photography from around the world. The event is also considered as the 'Oscars of Photography'. Vihaan's photo of a spider along with Krishna's carving clicked on the outskirts of the city helped him bag the award.

Vihaan (top) and his photograph (left) that won him the award.

Inspired by his father's passion for wildlife photography, Vihaan said, "I am very happy and excited to receive this award. I like doing photography because it helps us think creatively and connect with nature."

The competition this year saw submissions from 95 countries in different categories. A total of 50,000 images were submitted, out of which top 100 were considered for the competition and 11 were chosen in different categories, with Vihaan winning the under-10 category award.

Vihaan's image will be part of the WPY59 collection and will be presented in the Wildlife Photographer of the Year Exhibition at the Natural History Museum, which will tour around 25 venues across 4 continents to create awareness about the protection of wildlife.

A student of Kumarans School, Vihaan's journey began at the age of 7, under the guidance of his father.

Dhritiman Mukherjee, Wildlife and Conservation Photographer and Competition Judge, said, "Vihaan's image served the purpose of art, concept, conservation and science very nicely." He also appreciated the young boy's thought process behind it and the composition of the image.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

23rd October: Aquarius is once again my sign of the day. We don't know when the signs of the zodiac were worked out but Aquarius appears to be among the most ancient. One good guess is that it was recognised in the Middle East and northern India about five thousand years ago. If you're an Aquarian you can afford to be a little proud!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
If you're still wondering what exactly it was that hit you, then the answer is the planet Mars, metaphorically speaking, of course. What that means in practice is an unexpected and rather large obstacle. The planetary message now is that the best escape route is pleasure, so put your cares behind you.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
As always when the Moon challenges your sign, as it does this week, close partners will take even little complaints as some sort of cue to have a go at you. Listen carefully, for there may actually be a great deal of sense in their ideas even if they sometimes choose the wrong words.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
If the day could be summed up in one word, it would be duty. This is therefore a moment to fulfil all your responsibilities and avoid all distractions, no matter what size, shape or form they come in. You may never know the trouble you'll avoid if you take a few simple precautions.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
The fact that passion is running high doesn't mean that you'll be falling in love, or anything like that. What it does imply is that, whatever area of life you're involved in, a little enthusiasm will be worth more than a ton of experience. Oh, and don't take anyone - or anything - for granted.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
No doubt you imagine that others are having all the fun. Actually, the grass may indeed be greener on the other side, but that doesn't mean that you can join in. Bide your time for a little while longer, at least until someone special has made their mind up.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
The Sun and Mercury are on the move, which could mean that your normally impeccable judgment is slipping. And, in that case, watch out for financial pitfalls - and for the odd moral dilemma. It also happens to be a reasonable moment to rely on your intuitions, so follow a hunch if that looks like the best option.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You may take your pleasures where you find them, but remember you will have to pay eventually. In point of fact, you might now be coming to realise the emotional cost of one particular personal venture. Oh, and at work, nothing less than the truth will do.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
The Moon is aligned with a degree of your chart which traditionally denotes extraordinary intelligence! This I take as an indication that, for once, you'll have all the best ideas. But that doesn't mean that you'll know what to do about them!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
There is so much to say that the problem may be knowing where to begin. You may decide to follow a prudent path and keep certain ideas or feelings to yourself until you are sure that partners are ready. Also, take other people's feelings seriously, otherwise they may grow increasingly resentful, and that would be a shame.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Financial matters do seem to be growing steadily more important. What seems to be vital now is to make sure that people who should know better aren't allowed to rock the boat. You might find it impossible to keep order this week, however hard you try!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
The ball is in your court at the moment, and the best thing you can do today is to aim for enhanced status and prestige. You may show people how experienced you are and demonstrate that you are indeed the right candidate to take on increased responsibility.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
In general, it's an emotional period for all twelve signs, a fact which suits you. You'll be in your element as all around you friends, colleagues and relatives get in touch with their feelings, discovering for the first time the things that you have known for years!

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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4	1	3	7	8	5	9	2	6
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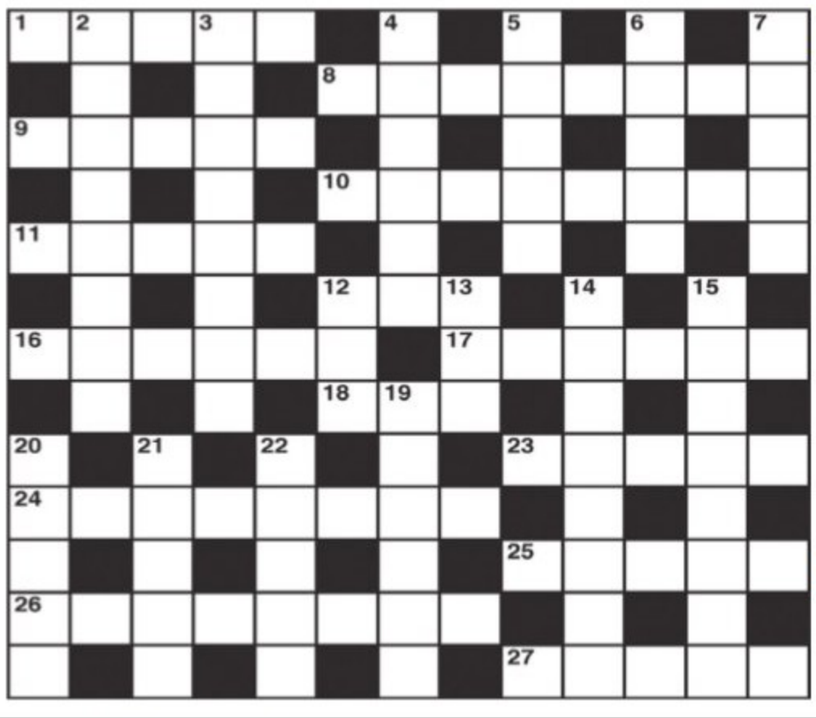
SUDOKU HARD

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 It's still produced in Russia (5)
8 After a drink, game for battle (8)
9 One out of bed seen going upstairs (5)
10 What remains of Svengali's strange spell (8)
11 Like, for example, a test of metal (5)
12 Try out part of this puzzle solver (3)
16 The sun on one is a comfort (6)
17 Timely tool (6)
18 Called earlier (3)
23 Spring in the country (5)
24 Ship's biscuits not so easy for the yachtsman (4,4)
25 Pound postage (5)
26 Frighten with errors and bloomers (8)
27 Deceptively situated (5)

DOWN
2 Neglect nothing on a job (8)
3 Not only don't come but prevent others coming (4,4)
4 Compel to act and use what's available (4,2)
5 Permission to make a bequest (5)
6 Possibly fired - a space needing to be filled (5)
7 Small creature with nothing to think about (5)
12 Longing for money from abroad (3)
13 Handle sheep it's said (3)
14 Fellow feeling pity perhaps (8)
15 Yet he has some standing at a meeting (8)
19 Get out a piece of fire-fighting equipment (6)
20 Outrage the feelings with a mass of untidy hair (5)
21 Father has to confess to make headlines (5)
22 Nevertheless I will shortly get under way (5)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Avant-garde, 6 It is, 10 Delhi, 11 Raise Cain, 12 Confetti, 13 Ideal, 15 Oboists, 17 Grandam, 19 Greases, 21 Gremlin, 22 Naomi, 24 Last legs, 27 Offensive, 28 Total, 29 Airs, 30 Present day.

Down: 1 Aida, 2 All for one, 3 Thief, 4 Aerates, 5 Driving, 7 Trace, 8 Single mind, 9 Celibate, 14 Gorgonzola, 16 Sessions, 18 Delighted, 20 Soldier, 21 Gushers, 23 Offer, 25 Latin, 26 Play.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

" " (Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: TWIRL HOARD EYEFUL MEADOW
Answer: The antique weaving apparatus that had been in their family for 100+ years was an — HEIRLOOM

Two persons reportedly drowned while bathing at Mathavu Falls in Hebri. The deceased have been identified as Prasthuta Hegde (21) and his friend Umesh Kumar (45). It is suspected that they slipped and fell into the water body

NIA nabs key suspect in Lankan trafficking case

Victims were enticed with prospect of obtaining legitimate documentation for emigration to Canada and securing jobs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Absconder Tracking Team (ATT) of the National Investigation Agency (NIA), Bengaluru, has arrested Mohamed Imran Khan alias Haja Najerbheeden (39), in connection with a Sri Lankan human trafficking case. Khan, the main accused, who was evading arrest since June 2021, was traced by the authorities to an undisclosed location in Theni district of Tamil Nadu.

Khan, a resident of Ramanathapuram in Tamil Nadu, was identified as a notorious smuggler during preliminary investigations. He has been involved in various illegal activities in the area.

The investigation started when the Mangaluru South police, based on intelligence, arrested 38 Sri Lankans on June 6, 2021, in Mangaluru. Subsequent investigations revealed that those people had been brought to India from Sri Lanka via Tamil Nadu and Bengaluru.

Probing the international dimensions of the case, the NIA intervened and re-registered the case. It has been revealed that Khan, along with Eesan, a Sri Lankan national himself, who had a previous association with the LTTE, hatched a plot to illegally transport these 38 Sri Lankan nationals to various locations within Tamil Nadu.

They enticed these individuals with false promises, including the prospect of obtaining legitimate documentation for emigration to Canada and securing jobs. Khan, along with the co-accused, trafficked the Sri Lankan nationals to various locations in Bengaluru and Mangaluru. Investigations have revealed Khan to be the mastermind in a broader conspiracy involving international human trafficking.

Khan acted as the primary conduit responsible for transporting Sri Lankans from their home country to India and subsequently to other countries. The NIA had previously filed a preliminary chargesheet against five Indian accused in this case, who are identified as Dhinakaran, Kasi Viswanathan, Rasool, Satham Ushen, and Abdul Muheetu, on October 5, 2021. The NIA has arrested a total of 13 suspects in this case. Further investigation is going on.

3 BIKE THIEVES HELD, VEHICLES WORTH ₹22.30 LAKH RECOVERED

BENGALURU: Three men, who were involved in the theft of 31 two-wheelers worth over Rs 22.3 lakh, were arrested by Cottonpet police, who also recovered the stolen vehicles. The accused, Mohammed Asif, 27, Mohammed Waseem, 22, and Syed Asif, 25 -- all residents of Mulabagilu, Kolar -- used to travel to Majestic from Mulabagilu by bus and go back on stolen two-wheelers, which they sold in their hometown. For months, they travelled to Bengaluru on buses, eyed localities including Chamarajpet, Kalasipalya, City Market, Cottonpet, Ulsoor, and Hebbal, and stole two-wheelers at night. They used to ride back to Mulabagilu on the stolen vehicles and make money by selling them off to customers ignorant of the thefts. On October 2, the suspects were caught while trying to sell a stolen two-wheeler. When the police started to dig further, they found that these three accused were involved in various two-wheeler thefts in Bengaluru. **ENS**

PAINTING THE SKY

The Indian Air Force's Suryakiran aerobatic team rehearses for the Dasara Air Show in Mysuru on Sunday | UDAYASHANKAR S

THREE DIE IN SEPARATE ROAD ACCIDENTS

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A bike ride for a cup of tea proved costly for a 23-year-old software engineer, Abhishek. He, along with a friend Ajit (23), headed to Attibele to have tea around 3.30 am on Sunday. Abhishek, who was riding the bike, hit a median and the duo fell on the road, while they were en route to Attibele from Varthur via Gunjur.

A car right behind them ran over Abhishek's head, killing him on the spot.

Meanwhile, Ajit sustained minor injuries. The two were reportedly over-speeding without helmets. A case is registered with Whitefield traffic police station and police are on the lookout for the car driver.

Abhishek and Ajit, both natives of Dharmapuri, Tamil Nadu, were residing in Varthur.

In another accident reported in Peenya traffic police limits, a 24-year-old man lost his life to reckless driving. The deceased, Sampath Kumar, a labourer at a garment firm, was reportedly over-speeding on his two-wheeler without a helmet near Heggananhlli, around 1.30 am on Sunday, when he lost control over a speed-breaker and fell on the road. He was rushed to hospital by passersby, but could not be saved.

On the same day, around 10.40 am, a 60-year-old man died while crossing Hosur Main Road near Anjaneya statue in Madiwala traffic police limits. The deceased, Dhanraj, was crossing the road while traffic was moving. An auto-rickshaw suddenly stopped to avoid a collision. However, the car behind the auto could not stop in time, resulting in a collision with the auto and causing severe injuries to the pedestrian.

Dhanraj was rushed to hospital, but succumbed to head injuries. Police have seized both auto and car associated with this case.

Youth dies in head-on collision on Airport Road

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A 20-year-old youth died after the car he was travelling in lost control, jumped a divider and collided head-on with another car coming in the opposite direction on Airport Road. Around 8.15 am on Sunday, the deceased, Sheik Ahmed, along with his two friends - Hussain Shariff and Mohammed Maj, were travelling in a car driven by Mohid. They were returning to Bengaluru after finishing a tour.

When their car was over the Kogilu flyover, Mohid lost control of the vehicle, which was being driven recklessly. The car hit the median, jumped the divider and collided with another car head-on, police said. The other car coming in the opposite direction had started from Hebbal and was heading towards Nandi Hills. It was driven by Narendra Babu, who was accompanied by his wife Lakshmi, her colleague Shobha, and Shobha's 17-year-old daughter Inchara.

Because of the collision, Ahmed, who was in the front seat, was critically injured and succumbed on the way to hospital. While six passengers escaped with minor injuries, Lakshmi is in a critical condition, the police added.

EXPRESS READ

Cyclothon for breast cancer awareness

BENGALURU: With the aim to create awareness on early intervention for breast cancer, Bengaluru-based HCG Cancer Hospital organised a "Ride to Beat Breast Cancer" cyclothon on Sunday. Dr Krithika Murugan, Surgical Oncologist, HCG Cancer Hospital said that the risk is not limited only to older women, in fact it is predominantly being diagnosed among the younger women. "There is a need for screening, and early diagnosis of cancer in order to increase your chances, and initiatives like cyclothons help draw attention to the severity of the issue." The cyclothon which began from St Joseph's Ground at 6 am ended at the same place with 400 cyclists.

Walkathon to create awareness against graft

BENGALURU: to create awareness among the public against corruption, Indian Bank hosted a walkathon in the city on Saturday, as part of the Vigilance Awareness Week. The agenda of the walkathon was to create awareness against corruption and the participants were seen holding placards with slogans 'Say no to Bribe in any form'. The walkathon was held at Seshadripuram. The event was attended by Sudhir Kumar Gupta, Field General Manager, Bengaluru, C D Rama Rao, Zonal Manager, Bengaluru along with staff, retired staff and customers.

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A four-member BJP delegation, comprising Bengaluru North MP DV Sadananda Gowda, Bengaluru Central MP PC Mohan, former Mumbai police commissioner Satyapal Singh, and Andhra Pradesh BJP president D Purandeshwari, is visiting those areas in Tamil Nadu where BJP workers are allegedly being targeted by the Tamil Nadu government, and will submit a report, a release said

ON THE MOVE

Agricultural distress is driving farmers to urban areas in search of livelihood, and the government is banking on Central funds to implement MGNREGA effectively and stem this exodus

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @ Belagavi

THE five guarantee schemes of the government may have helped a section of farmers wriggle out of the agriculture crisis to some extent, but migration to urban areas in search of employment has risen in various parts of the state due to the worsening drought situation. While the government struggles to cope with the situation, farmers are worried about the imminent crisis, given the poor monsoon and crop losses they face.

Already, several Central teams have been rushed to take stock of crop loss in the affected areas of the state. As per National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) norms, 195 of 236 taluks have been declared drought-hit. Of the 195 taluks, 161 are 'severely' drought-hit while 34 taluks are 'moderately' drought-affected.

The actual crop loss can be ascertained only after the ongoing surveys end, but sources predict massive losses, especially in North and Hyderabad Karnataka region, where rainfall had been extremely scanty and a dry spell damaged most of the major crops.

Already, more than 10,000 people have migrated in search of jobs to Mumbai, Hyderabad and Bengaluru from drought-hit Kalaburagi region alone, said a top source, adding that the number could shoot up.

The state government has expressed serious concern over the worsening drought situation in Karnataka, and is focusing on effective implementation of the MGNREGA scheme to prevent people in rural areas reaching urban areas. "Daily wage labourers will depend on work taken up under the scheme for their livelihood, if the drought persists. There is a dire need to provide employment to as many people as possible, and ensure timely wages to prevent them from migrating," said a top official.

With the drought situation turning grim, Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma has written to the Ministry of Rural Development, New Delhi, for a wage grant release to the state for effective implementation of MGNREGA. Stating that there is a possibility of a rise in the number of migrants, she said, "The main objective of MGNREGA is to reduce the number of migrants moving from rural to urban areas, and provide them job opportunities locally. Because of a delay in payment of wages, labourers are unable to meet their daily needs and start migrating."

According to official sources, the State's Rural Development Commissionerate has already submitted utilisation certificates and annual audited accounts to the Ministry of Rural Development for the current and previous fiscal, with regard to the pending MGNREGA wage component.

Sources said it was possible to face the drought situation to some extent through MGNREGA if the Centre released pending wage grants immediately. The wage release due since August 2023 amounts to Rs 478.46 crore. The last wage grant released to Karnataka was on September 24 for Rs 1.55 crore for August and September, sources added.

However, in districts like Belagavi, migration may be very low as the sugarcane crop is not much affected by drought here. According to Belagavi Deputy Commissioner Nitesh Patil, a large number of labourers from Maharashtra, Bihar, Jharkhand and other states migrate to Belagavi district for employment. "Once harvesting of sugarcane begins in November, labourers from other states arrive," he said. "We are requesting the government to enhance man-days under MGNREGA from 100 days to 150 days, to ensure good wages for the people. Already, Belagavi is giving the highest number of man-days."

Farmer leader Kuruburu Shanthakumar blames the government's unscientific policies for the agriculture crisis and rising migration of people in search of employment.

"Farmers and labourers are considered part of the 'unorganised sector' while government employees who make up just 2 to 3 per cent, come under the 'organised sector'. Their every demand for increase in salaries and allowances is taken seriously but the government ignores the unorganised sector. Migration from rural areas will continue until the government considers the unorganised sector at par with the organised sector," adds Shanthakumar.

BIG PICTURE

A file photo of labourers working on an infra project under MGNREGA

HIGH MIGRATION RATE IN RURAL GADAG

A large number of migrant workers in Gadag region returned home after the state government implemented the guarantee scheme but the delay in monsoon and prevailing drought forced many to migrate again to Mangaluru, Goa, Solapur, Bengaluru and Kerala in search of jobs in recent weeks. The MGNREGA scheme is helping some villagers but they say the wages are not enough for their family expenses. It has come to light that migration percentage is more in Gadag's rural areas, where many villagers live in tandas.

A section of villagers says they used to get good income through agricultural work every year but for the last two years, the situation has been grim, resulting in a rise in migration. In several villages, only senior members live with their grandchildren as parents have migrated. Many migrant labourers head home for Deepavali and stay with families for some time.

Ratna Chikkoppa from Ron taluk said, "We are working in Mangaluru, and my husband and sisters, and their families are also working with us on a construction site. We get daily wages of Rs 600-800, which is good compared to Gadag where we got Rs 300-400. Free bus service for women has helped us visit our villages twice a month."

FARMERS WANT DROUGHT TAG FOR CHIKKAMAGALURU

Drought has led to migration of labourers from parts of Chikkamagaluru district. Never before have farmers here urged the government to declare the entire district drought-hit. However, there is an alarming shortfall in the expected rainfall, an impending drought, and depletion of groundwater table in the Malnad region. The government declared Kadur and Ajjampura taluks as severely drought-affected, and Malnad taluks as moderately drought-affected. However, solutions to this situation remain elusive.

Paddy cultivation is hampered, and pest attacks on areca and coffee plants is causing distress. Bhaskar is a small grower whose son left the village in search of work after their crops were affected.

KRRS district president Gurushnathappa said the situation in the plains is very serious, with people struggling to provide fodder to livestock. A drinking water crisis is also looming. He urged the government to initiate drought relief measures, including releasing compensation for crop loss, waiving loans and ensuring uninterrupted electricity supply for areca plantations.

HASSAN: FARMERS IN CRISIS

As a grim situation prevails, all seven taluks have been declared drought-hit in Hassan district. It may be recalled that the government had initially declared only Arasikere as drought-hit. Three taluks were declared partially drought-hit, and Belur, Alur and Sakleshpur taluks were not on the first list. Eventually, the government considered all taluks drought-hit, but is yet to take up relief operations and release compensation for crop loss.

As per statistics available, standing crops including paddy, ragi and maize over 73318.24 hectares were damaged, with the loss estimated at Rs 64.77 crore in Arkalgud, Belur, Channarayapatna, Holenarasipur and Sakleshpur taluks. Officials are yet to complete the survey in Alur, Arasikere and Hassan taluks. Channarayapatna witnessed the highest crop loss on 25,500 hectares. Rangaiah, a small farmer who lost his maize and ragi crop on two acres, alleged that officials are yet to visit for a crop survey and the government failed to protect the interests of farmers. Small farmers have no alternative livelihood and have to migrate to urban areas if the government doesn't release crop compensation immediately, he added.

According to Deputy Commissioner C Satyabhama, the district authority submitted a report on a drought-like situation, seeking input subsidy to the tune of Rs 64.77 crore to tackle drought in four taluks. The administration will submit another report after the crop loss survey of remaining three taluks. Migration in search of jobs was not reported in the district, she added.

VIJAYAPURA: PREVENTING MIGRATION

After the government declared 12 taluks in Vijayapura drought-hit, migration of labourers for higher earnings is expected to increase. "Most of the people living in rural areas, mainly Lambani tandas, are waiting for Dasara festival to end, after which migration to other states will begin. Soon, over 60 per cent population in tandas will migrate to neighbouring Goa and Maharashtra," said Bhimu Lamani.

Lamani, a resident of Aliyabad village and a social activist, said because of the prevailing drought, farmers are unable to employ local labour. "Usually, farmers pay labourers decent wages like Rs 400 per day, if the situation is conducive to take up agriculture. But when farmers themselves face uncertainty due to drought, how will they offer jobs to labourers," he said.

Vijayapura Zilla Panchayat CEO Rahul Shinde said in order to prevent migration and provide jobs locally, the ZP has intensified offering jobs under MG-NREGA, and the government has increased man-days from 100 to 150 a year. The government pays Rs 320 per day as wages. "We have decided to give more employment to women and physically challenged persons," he said.

Both Shinde and Lamani admit that while some people work locally for low wages, others migrate to neighbouring states and earn about Rs 800 to Rs 1,000 a day.

UDUPI AWAITS MIGRANTS

Udupi Deputy Commissioner Dr Vidyakumari K said as the influx of migrant labourers to Udupi from North Karnataka region is expected to increase in the backdrop of drought, the district administration has instructed employers to ensure the safety of the labourers.

Labour department officials should make sure labourers are not exploited by contractors and employers, she said, adding that all required facilities should be extended to the labourers by the employers. People from Haveri, Vijayapura, Bagalkot, Koppal, Bellary, Gadag are expected to arrive in Udupi in search of jobs in the next few weeks.

LABOURERS MOVE OUT FROM KALABURAGI

Though the agriculture department has kept the number of migrant labourers from Kalaburagi low, the district unit president of Karnataka Prantha Raitha Sangha Sharanabasappa Mamashetty said over 10,000 people have migrated to cities, especially Mumbai, Hyderabad and Bengaluru.

He said most of these labourers belong to the Banjara community and are from Chincholi taluk. Joint Director, agriculture department, Samad Patil said tur crop, a major produce in the district, is in flowering stage. Until tur is harvested, migration may not happen on a large scale, but may increase in November. Also, if man-days under MG-NREGA are not increased, more people are expected to migrate. Srikant Chouhan, who owns 4 acres in Ratkal thanda of Kalagi taluk, migrated to Mumbai with his mother about 20 days ago. He said tur and black gram crops were completely damaged due to scanty rain. Srikant is working as a construction labourer and his mother as a domestic worker, while his wife lives in Ratkal with his son, a government school student. "I want to come home for Deepavali but I have no money," Srikant said.

(Inputs from Raghu Koppar, Thipperudrappa, B R Udaya Kumar, Prakash Samaga, Firoz Rozindar, Ramakrishna Badaseshi)

No differences among Cong MLAs: Laxmi

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THERE is no difference of opinion or any issues between Satish Jarkiholi adn me, or between any other MLAs of the Congress, clarified minister **Laxmi Hebbalkar**, adding, "We are all working with a lot of coordination."

Speaking to at the Belagavi airport on Saturday, Laxmi tsaid 135 MLAs have been elected by the people of the state. "We are all working together to bring a good name to the government. There is no lack of compatibility between us anywhere," she said.

Satish had also told her for all of them to go to Mysuru, she said Laxmi, adding that all the MLAs from Belagavi went to Mysuru. "All MLAs from our district used to go together. I myself spoke to Raju Kage, Vishwas Vaidya, Babasaheb Patil and Mahendra Tammannavar. We all talked about going together. There was nothing special about it," she added.

Ministers have to help win LS seats to retain berths in Siddu cabinet?

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THE outcome of the 2024 LS polls is likely to have a bearing on the Congress government in Karnataka as the party high command has given a task to not only Chief Minister **Siddaramaiah** and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, but also the ministers to ensure victory of the party's candidates in their respective Lok Sabha Constituencies, sources said.

Those who miserably fail in their efforts are likely to be shown the door from the Cabinet and new faces would be given a chance. The chances of making some ministers scapegoats if the party fails to make a significant improvement cannot be ruled out, a Congress leader observed. The party won a single seat in the 2019 General Election (Bengaluru Rural through DK Suresh). Another leader observed that the 'blacksheep' within the party may also play their role in the defeat of certain candidates to snub some leaders.

Meanwhile, the alliance between the BJP and JDS in Old Mysuru may make it tough for the Congress in certain seats, including Bengaluru Rural. So, some heads may have to roll politically, paving the way for new faces after the LS polls, according to political pundits.

It is in the wake of the high command's indication to go with a reshuffle that some leaders within the ruling Congress have predicted that there will be a rejig of the Siddaramaiah cabinet too. "There will certainly be a change after the LS polls and why should one continue as a minister if he was unable to win a Lok Sabha seat for the party," questioned Cooperation Minister KN Rajanna, a loyalist of Siddaramaiah. But he said a clear "No" to the change in the CM's post.

Siddaramaiah has been claiming that the party is focused on winning at least 20 seats, while Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister HK Patil claimed that their party will win 25 seats.

'FOOLED ME WITH FAKE CALL'

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"THEY (Revanasiddappa and Shekar NP) assured me the ticket using Kateel's name."

Shivamurthy said, "In October, they took Rs 1 crore from me and over time, I paid Rs 2.55 crore. They fooled me using a fake call recording, making it look like the proceedings of the BJP central ticket selection committee. As the election approached and I did not get the ticket, I demanded my money back. They gave me two cheques, but they bounced.

I wrote letters to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara and director general of police. I also filed the case at the Kotturu police station. It is similar to the Chaitra Kundapura case, where an industrialist was swindled, promising him a party ticket."

EXPRESS READ

Panel to study unscientific revised estimation

BENGALURU: In order to prevent unscientific financial revised estimation of works by government departments, that is causing loss to the state government, the latter has constituted a Work Estimation Study Committee under the chairmanship of PWD secretary and retired PWD chief engineer B Guruprasad. The committee will recommend the government on preventing financial loss and will ensure that works will be completed on time. It has been directed to submit its report within a month. The panel comprises three members, including Guruprasad, KS Harish (Under Secretary - NABARD) of PWD department, and MS Padmini, Joint Controller of State Highway Development Project.

Bommai to be discharged from hospital today

BENGALURU: Former chief minister Basavaraj Bommai, who underwent heart surgery, is expected to be discharged from hospital on Monday. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called up Bommai on Sunday to inquire his health. Sharing this on social media, Bommai stated: "Today is Shubha Ashtami and my most luckiest day. While I am taking rest, our beloved Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a telephone call to enquire about my health. My heartiest thanks to our most respected PM. His concern and blessings has boosted self esteem. I will get well soon and return to serve people." It can be noted that Bommai was admitted to hospital last week, where he underwent a coronary artery bypass grafting procedure. He is recovering.

Ibrahim's travels to decide his future course against JDS leadership

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

FORMER Union minister **CM Ibrahim**, who continues to claim that he is the rightful JDS state president, is scheduled to meet his sympathisers in some states in India and abroad, before taking further action.

Before taking a call on his political future, Ibrahim wants to approach friends for advice, and has hence planned to take a tour. He is expected to state his decision on Wednesday, a source said.

Ideological reasons

"I again request HD Deve Gowda with folded hands to reconsider the JDS' alliance with BJP. There is time for the Lok Sabha elections, so let's talk. Let's salute Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, as we have no personal differences with them, but oppose them for ideological reasons," he said, however, adding that he has no faith in former CM HD Kumaraswamy.

With former prime minister and JDS national president HD Deve Gowda ousting Ibrahim from the state president's post for attacking the former's decision to ally with the BJP ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, the former Union minister has been weighing his options, including moving court after Vijayadashami. He also claimed to have offers from various parties, including from NCP leader Sharad Pawar.

"After Kerala and Tamil Nadu, I am going to Udaipur for a programme. I will be heading to Mumbai on October 26, where I'll meet other party leaders. I will not sit back, as I am a global traveller," he told reporters, before leaving for abroad on Sunday.

According to sources, he has supporters cutting across party-lines, and also in other countries, as he had developed good contacts when he was the civil aviation minister in Gowda's regime as PM.

"I formed the core committee and appointed office-bearers. The JDS state president has power in the state. If the state president goes against the Constitution, he should be given notice after a meeting, with two-thirds majority of the members to remove him," he argued.

Meanwhile, Gowda wished Shah on Sunday on the latter's birthday on 'X'. "My birthday wishes to Home Minister Shri @Amit-Shah. May God give him good health and a long fulfilling life," he wrote. "I pray that the Lord blesses him with good health and gives him the spirit and strength to serve the people for a long time," wrote Kumaraswamy, who is the current JDS state president.

CM must give white paper on power: HDK

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FORMER chief minister and JDS state president HD Kumaraswamy on Sunday hit back at Chief Minister Siddaramaiah for saying that he does not run the government from a star hotel, like the former CM did.

Likening Siddaramaiah to Nero, Kumaraswamy alleged that the chief minister is not solving the problems of farmers, who are suffering because of shortage of electricity to run their irrigation pumpsets. "Nero was playing the fiddle while Rome was burning. The Nero of Karnataka watched a cricket match while the people were in trouble," he said in a statement. Siddaramaiah watched the ICC World Cup match between Pakistan and Australia at Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru on Friday.

Alleging that the Congress government has created an artificial scarcity of electricity, Kumaraswamy insisted that Siddaramaiah should present a white paper on the actual power situation. He blamed Siddaramaiah for the collapse of the Congress-JDS coalition government, which he headed, in 2019.

On the allegation of him running the government from a five-star hotel when he was CM, Kumaraswamy asked as to why Siddaramaiah, who had lost power in 2018, did not vacate the CM's official quarters. "Kannadigas have not forgotten that the good man who gave five-year government (as CM) continued to occupy the bungalow in the name of someone else without any hesitation," he said.

He asked as to why Siddaramaiah is hung up on that hotel, when the I.N.D.I.A bloc held its meeting at the same hotel a few months ago.

No justice for oppressed SC, ST communities

Rape, murder, serious atrocities on the rise, conviction rate abysmal in Karnataka

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

OPPRESSED and marginalised communities continue to get the short end of the stick, with statistics indicating a frightening quantum of crime unleashed against them even in a progressive state like Karnataka.

The state features in the list of 15 states where 98 per cent of the most serious atrocities were perpetrated against these marginalised communities. It's a shame, said Edwin, chief researcher, Citizens Vigilance and Monitoring Committee. He said universally, when incidents of crime were down during the Covid months, India saw an increase in rapes against oppressed groups, especially underaged girls. Women activists said rape is highly underreported, even less than 10 per cent.

"If this is the reported number, imagine what the real numbers are like," said Edwin, adding that when convictions are a mere 1-2 two per cent, who cares about the legal deterrent. He quoted the 'Bhagat Singh vs State of Gujarat' case where the Supreme Court laid down that "every acquittal is a miscarriage of justice". There are many to blame for acquittals – an apathetic police officer or prosecutor or anyone in the legal system. In a special court in Tamil Nadu, when a particular prosecutor who could only get an abysmal 3 per cent conviction rate was changed, convictions went up to 50 per cent. The problem is pan-Indian, he said.

Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative Chairman Venkatesh Nayak said, "There is a visceral hatred against these communities, the reason for which is hard to fathom."

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had recently pulled officials concerned, saying convictions had dropped to just 3 per cent. But what he missed is that in 2021, convictions were an abysmal 1.5 per cent. Karnataka did not file a single appeal even after noticing the abysmal conviction rate, said Edwin.

Out of 118 criminal offences, rape and murder cases against Scheduled Tribes, there were zero convictions, and of 165 cases of rapes and murder against Scheduled Castes, there were only 10 convictions. "Across the nation, there is an apathy to address this issue even at the level of the Chief Minister's Office," he said.

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>
> H Hanumanthappa, former MP

The Dr Ambedkar Instant Monetary Relief Foundation hands out relief to the aggrieved, yet, rape survivors or next of kin of murder victims, who are eligible for relief, have to wait endlessly. He said it's appalling that in Karnataka, 1,150 families were denied a total of Rs 33.08 crore in legitimate dues, and is a systemic torture of the downtrodden.

Former MP and second chairman of the National Commission of SCs and STs H Hanumanthappa said, "Reservation order or power is vested with the President of India. The National Commission is appointed by the President to oversee and safeguard benefits to marginalised classes. The President has to look into this. They claim to have done a lot for the marginalised but the picture is very dismal."

FAREWELL

Women bid adieu to Goddess Saddula Bathukamma after worshipping her for nine days at Padmakshi Temple in Hanamkonda, Telangana, on Sunday evening | EXPRESS

Yellow alert in eight Kerala districts today

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THE state is likely to receive isolated heavy rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms on Monday. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued yellow alerts in Kollam, Alappuzha, Pathanamthitta, Kottayam, Idukki, Ernakulam, Thrissur, and Palakkad districts for Monday. Lightning and gusty winds are also very likely during the day.

According to the Met Department, the rainfall has been influenced by 'Tej', a very severe cyclonic storm that developed into an extremely severe cyclonic storm over the Arabian Sea, and a depression over the Bay of Bengal. Weather experts predicted that rain, accompanied by lightning and thunder, would continue in south and central parts of the state for the next two days as well due to the weather systems.

Fishermen have been advised not to venture into the sea till October 25 due to adverse wind conditions. According to IMD, northeast monsoon has been weak over the state in the 24 hours till Sunday morning. Chavara and Aryankavu in Kollam reported a maximum rainfall of 5cm during the period.

Nature journal features four researchers from Kerala

POOJA NAIR @ Kozhikode

SINCE its inception in 1869, Nature magazine, the world's leading multidisciplinary science journal, has featured peer-reviewed research and studies by global luminaries and experts in various academic disciplines. The latest edition does good by Kerala, featuring research papers and articles that four experts from the state – Dr Sandeep Das, Dr S D Biju, Dr Ranjith P Anand, and Dr Thekkumkara Surendran Anish – worked on.

Sandeep and Biju co-authored a research paper titled, 'Ongoing declines for the world's amphibians in the face of emerging threats'. Ranjith appears as the lead author of the article 'Design and testing of a humanized porcine donor for xenotransplantation'.

Anish, who played a lead role in the state Nipah surveillance team and is currently a professor of epidemiology at Manjeri Government Medical College Hospital, published an article in the 'World View' section of the journal.

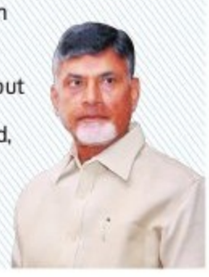
Speaking about his article, with the rubric 'A personal take on science and society', Anish said, "Based on my experience as one of the leaders of the Nipah surveillance team in Kerala during the 2018 and 2023 outbreaks, more scientific and policy work on the disease is required. As a key first step, all countries likely to have Nipah virus reservoirs should have early detection systems.

"That starts with knowing better where the risks lie," he said. "The strain in Kerala's outbreaks originated from Bangladesh in 2001. Health systems have missed this strain because its mortality rate is so high that it often causes small outbreaks or single cases. Outbreaks in Bangladesh in 2001 and 2003 were only detected later, when antibodies against Nipah were found in stored samples," Anish added.

The article Anand cooperated on explored the promise of porcine organs for human transplantation. A porcine donor was engineered and its xenografts were successfully tested in non-human primates. The research states that these results show that preclinical studies of renal xenotransplantation could be successfully conducted in non-human primates.

JUSTICE MAY BE DELAYED, BUT WILL PREVAIL, SAYS NAIDU IN OPEN LETTER

Vijayawada: In an open letter dedicated to the people of the Andhra Pradesh, TDP supremo N Chandrababu Naidu exuded confidence that justice will certainly prevail, even if it is delayed. Ahead of Dasara, the yellow party released the open letter on behalf of Naidu, who is currently lodged in the Rajamahendravaram Central Prison for his alleged role in the Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation scam. The letter read, "I am not in jail, but in the hearts of the people. No power on Earth can distance me from the people even for a second." "I have been jailed in the very city where I had promised to release the second part of the election manifesto on Dasara," the three-time chief minister said citing the Mahanadu event held at Rajamahendravaram in May this year. However, he promised to announce the full-fledged manifesto soon. Alleging that the ruling party conspired against him, the 73-year-old said, "This is only a temporary setback. The truth will prevail. I am not in jail, but in the hearts of the people and visible in every development that has happened in the State." Emphasising that his primary focus has been development and well-being of the Telugu people throughout his 45 years of political career, Naidu asserted that he would come out from jail and work with more vigour for the people and the welfare of the State. He said, "Despite my physical absence from the public, I believe my legacy continues to shine across the State through the development initiatives I took." ENS



EXPRESS READ

EPS' ploy will be exposed, says Stalin

Tiruvannamalai: "AIADMK says it has snapped its alliance with the BJP, but, it's just a cunning ruse of the two parties to enact a play to hoodwink people. This will get exposed before 2024 Lok Sabha elections," DMK president and Chief Minister MK Stalin said on Sunday. He was addressing the DMK north zone booth-level agents after a training workshop held at Arunachalam Nagar in Malappambadi. "AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami says he is committed to the welfare of minorities. But, how is it that he is not criticising his 'erstwhile' ally even now for its anti-minority steps like Citizenship Amendment Act? AIADMK knows it will not be able to recover even its 'deposit' in the polls if it remains in the NDA, and therefore, this 'drama' has been enacted. Even without criticising the BJP for its anti-people policies, Palaniswami has now said that he would lead a separate coalition against the ruling party at the Centre. You will see him getting exposed very soon," Stalin said. ENS

Like Kerala, Karnataka too needs exclusive dept to handle NRI affairs, says forum chief

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"IN other instances of exploitation, people have encroached our ancestral land and stolen produce from our land back home routinely," Mohan Kumar HG said.

Raja Naik, who works with an MNC in the US, too is helpless after a Bengaluru Development Authority plot allotted to his family was encroached by a rogue element, who fabricated the documents and built a house on the property that is worth around Rs 3 crore now. Though the person is living in the house, law enforcement and legal systems have not helped him. His family approached the high court, but has not received any substantial relief after seven years and is frustrated with procedural delays.

Rajagopal Swaminathan (name changed) watched helplessly as his relatives turned predators and encroached his inheritance, which is worth Rs 4 crore in today's market. He tried raising the issue with the authorities, but they told him that he should sort out with those relatives.

One more NRI from the US, Palani Swamy, had given his apartment on rent. But the tenant refused to move out after the agreement expired and has not been paying the rent either. Swamy reached out to the authorities, but they have offered only excuses.

When told about how NRIs are being tormented, former deputy chairman of the NRI Forum Karnataka and former BJP MLC Capt Ganesh Karnik said, "I have come across NRI grievances and the authorities have to work out effective measures to help safeguard NRI wealth and properties. The revenue, police and legal authorities have to be sensitised to their needs and concerns."

Arathi Krishna, appointed deputy chairman of the NRI Forum five days ago, said, "I have held this position previously for about 18 months. I have worked in the Indian Embassy in Washington for many years. I have visited Gulf nations to find out the concerns and grievances of NRIs. We are working on a comprehensive policy to understand and effectively redress these grievances. In Kerala, there is a separate department in the government with a legal and police wing to address NRI concerns. We too may need to set up a similar department to redress these issues effectively."

Dalit leader files plaint

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THE Dalit leader also informed the police around 4.30 pm, the SP said. Rural Sub-Inspector Pradeep Poojary immediately went to the hospital and on not finding the body, he visited the village, where he learnt that the boy had already been buried, the SP said.

It is learnt that the boy's parents chose traditional medicine on the advice of villagers, though there is a primary health centre nearby.

Based on the complaint of the parents, a case has been booked. The police are now waiting for the autopsy report.

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Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **City Union Bank Ltd.**, having its **Administrative Office** at **No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612001** and one of the Branch Offices at **B.M. Road, 316 I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bengaluru, Mysore Main Road, Bengaluru Rural, Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) & (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice Dated **01-08-2023** calling upon the borrowers **No.1) M/s. H M S Silk Industries, No.52, Melekote, Rehmaniya Nagar, Kanakapura - 562117. Also at, M/s. H M S Silk Industries, Sy. No. 221, Aralasandra Village, Kanakapura, Ramanagara - 562117. No.2) Mr. Majeed Shariff, S/o. Mohammed Shariff, Ward No. 12, Melekote, Near Urdu School, Kanakapura - 562117. No.3) Mrs. Majira Banu, W/o. Majeed Shariff, Ward No.12, Melekote, Near Urdu School, Kanakapura - 562117 No.4) M/s. MMS Silk Industry, No.236, Hanur Belathuru Village, Kollegala, Ramanagara, Karnataka - 571440** to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being **Rs.1,57,07,351/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Seven Lakh Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty One only)** within **60 days** from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from **21-07-2023** with monthly rests.

The borrowers above named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers above named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the Properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 20th day of October 2023.

The borrowers above named in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of City Union Bank Ltd. for an amount of **Rs.1,62,42,466/- (Rupees One Crore Sixty Two Lakh Forty Two Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Six only)** and interest thereon from **18-10-2023** till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank

Property - 1 : (Property Owned by Mrs. Majira Banu, W/o. Majeed Shariff)

All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing Municipal Katha No. 8678/7383/A, PID No. 36-532-551, Measuring : East to West 15.240030 Meters and North to South 18.288037, situated at Ward No. 13, A. K. Colony, Melekote, Kanakapura Town, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District. Bounded on : East by : Road, West by : House of Puttaswami, North by : Road , South by : House of Chikkavenkataiah.

Property - 2 : (Property Owned by Mr. Majeed Shariff, S/o. Mohammed Shariff)

All that piece and parcel of the RCC Ground Floor, Commercial-cum-Residential Property bearing Old Municipal Khatha No. 5471/3667A Measuring : East to West 50 feet and North to South 54 feet together with 2700.00 sq. ft. situated at Rehmaniya Nagar, Melekote, Ward No. 12, Kanakapura. Bounded on : East by : Municipal Road, West by : House of Fayaz, North by : House of Fazil, South by : Municipal Road.

Place : Ramanagara, Date : 20-10-2023 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

GOVERNMENT OF UTTAR PRADESH
DIRECTORATE OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, UTTAR PRADESH, LUCKNOW-226007.
No.- 2130/Pur.Cell/E-Tender(II)/Minerised cattle lick/2023-24, Dated: 19.10.2023

NOTICE FOR OF E-TENDER

Online tenders through e-procurement system are invited for rate approval of **Mineralised Cattle Lick ISI (01 kg pack as brick)** marked (As per Schedules of requirement of mentioned in table below) under the Department of Animal Husbandry, U.P. (for the financial year 2023-24) from (1) Sole manufacturers, (2) Repacking license holders, (3) such Third party manufacturers (who are producing for Tenderer), (4) loan licensee and (5) bearer of Import license, who have minimum 05 years manufacturing experience for the quoted **Mineralised Cattle Lick ISI** marked. Tenderer should not be blacklisted or debarred in any state/department/government Institution in the country for last 02 years and quoted products are not found Not of Standard Quality by the Competent Authority for last 3 years. If the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) or any other investigating agency recommends the existing rate contract of the concerned firms for staying or cancellation, the action shall be taken accordingly as per U.P. Procurement Manual 2016. Tenderer should have valid Manufacturing License, Non-Conviction Certificate, Performance Certificate, Market Standing Certificate, Good Laboratory Practices (GLP), Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and ISO certificates and other eligibility as per detailed tender documents. The Tenderer should have BIS/ISI Certificate for the items for which BIS/ISI mark is required. Only those tenderer will be eligible to participate in tender whose turnover for last 03 years is not less than Rs.5.00 crore each year MSME/SSI units of U.P. are exempted from Turnover condition & MSME/SSI units of U.P. & Government of India Undertakings (C.P.S.E.) will be given purchase preference as per government policy. It is also to inform that only those tenderer who are registered for e-tendering and having digital signatures in reference to this office memorandum No.3157/Pur.Cell/Kra.Ni./E-pro/2016-17 dated 15.03.2017, shall be eligible to participate in e-tendering in Department of Animal Husbandry, U.P. Detailed Terms and Conditions and other details along with proforma for Tender Documents would be available on the departmental website **http://animalhus.up.nic.in** and U.P. Govt. eTender portal **http://etender.up.nic.in** within the stipulated period.

Particulars	Earnest Money (EMD) Rs.	Tender Documents cost Rs.
Tender for approval of rate of **Mineralised Cattle Lick ISI** (for the financial year 2023-24) as per schedule of requirement given below- **1. Mineralised Cattle Lick ISI Marked (IS-920:1972) (1 kg pack as brick)**	As per schedule of requirement Section III(B) of tender documents, for estimated value of the goods upto Rs. 1.00 lakh (one lakh) Rs. 1500.00 and for each additional Rs. 1.00 lakh and part there of Rs. 1000.00 as bid security.	Rs. 15,000.00+ GST

Cost of Tender Form (Non-refundable) in shape of Demand Draft of any nationalized/scheduled bank in the name of **Director, Administration & Development, Animal Husbandry, U.P., Lucknow** and amount of Earnest Money in shape of Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) of any nationalized/scheduled bank pledged in favour of **Director, Disease Control & Farms, Animal Husbandry, U.P., Lucknow** should compulsorily be deposited in the Directorate of Animal Husbandry, U.P., Badshahbag, Lucknow on or before date and time scheduled for submission of e-tender. Online e-bid should be submitted through U.P. Govt. e-Tender website **http://etender.up.nic.in.**

The Scheduled dates and time for the Tender are:-

1- Availability of Online Tender Forms	:	**Date 26-10-2023 from 05.00 PM**
2- Submission of Online Tender Forms start date	:	**Date 26-10-2023 from 07.00 PM**
3- Pre bid Meeting	:	**Date 30-10-2023 at 03.30 PM**
4- Last Date for online submission of tender form	:	**Date 16-11-2023 up to 12.00 PM**
5- Opening of Online Tender Forms (Technical bids)	:	**Date 16-11-2023 at 03.30PM**

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Director
Disease Control & Farms
Animal Husbandry, U.P., Lucknow

GOVERNMENT OF UTTAR PRADESH
DIRECTORATE OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, UTTAR PRADESH, LUCKNOW-226007.
No.- 2129/Pur.Cell/E-Tender/Instruments(II)/2023-24, Dated: 19 October, 2023

SHORT TERM E-TENDER INVITATION NOTICE

Hereby online tenders through e-procurement system are invited for rate approval of **"Veterinary Equipments/ Machineries & Instruments etc. for A.I., Surgical, Pathological, Laboratory & Hospital use"** (As per Schedules of requirement of e-tender) under the Department of Animal Husbandry, U.P. (for the financial year 2023-24) from Sole manufacturers, possessing valid manufacturing license or registered as Small Scale Industry for production and having 05 years experience for production of quoted items; Original Authorized Supplier for those equipment for which the Sole Manufacturer does not do marketing itself. Tenderer should produce valid Manufacturing License, and ISO certificates. The Tenderer should have BIS/ISI Certificate for the items for which BIS/ISI mark is required. Only those Tenderer will be eligible to participate in tender whose turnover for last 03 years is not less than Rs. 5.00 crore each year. MSME/SSI units of U.P. are being exempted from turnover Condition & MSME/SSI units of U.P will be given purchase preference as per government policy. It is also to inform that only those tenderers who are registered for e-tendering (documentary proof for registration in U.P. Electronics Corporation Ltd..(UPLC), Lucknow is necessary to enclose)and having digital signatures in reference to this office memorandum No.3157/ Pur.Cell/Kra.Ni./E-pro/2016-17 dated 15-03-2017, shall be eligible to participate in e-tendering in Department of Animal Husbandry, U.P. Details regarding e-tender and tender form would be available on the departmental website **www.animalhusb.upsdc.gov.in** and U.P. Govt. eTender portal **http://etender.up.nic.in** within the stipulated period.

Particulars	Earnest Money (EMD) Rs.	Tender Documents cost Rs.
e-Tender for approval of rate of "Veterinary Equipments/ Machineries &Instruments etc. for A.I., Surgical, Pathological, Laboratory & Hospital use" for the financial year 2023-24(As per Schedules of requirement of e-tender) under the Department of Animal Husbandry, U.P.	As per schedule of requirement Section III(B) of tender documents, for estimated value of the goods uptoRs. 1.00 lakh (one lakh) Rs. 1500.00 and for each additional Rs. 1.00 lakh and part there of Rs. 1000.00 as bid security.	Rs. 25000.00+ GST

Cost of Tender Form (Non-refundable) in shape of Demand Draft of any nationalized/scheduled bank in the name of Director, Administration & Development, Animal Husbandry, U.P., Lucknow and amount of Earnest Money in shape of Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) of any nationalized/scheduled bank pledged in favour of Director, Disease Control & Farms, Animal Husbandry, U.P., Lucknow should compulsorily be deposited in the Directorate of Animal Husbandry, U.P., Badshahbag, Lucknow. The scanned copy of the Cost of Tender Form and e-Bid Security/EMD must be submitted along with the e-Bid and the original should reach to Director, Disease Control & Farms, Department of Animal Husbandry, U.P., Lucknow preferably on or before end date of submission of e-Bid but in any case, not later than 5 days after end date of submission of e-bid.Online e-bid should be submitted through U.P. Govt. e-Tender website http://etender.up.nic.in.

The Scheduled dates and time for the Tender are:-

1- Availability of Online Tender Forms	:	**Date 26-10-2023 from 04.00 PM**
2- Start date of Online Tender Forms Submission	:	**Date 26-10-2023 from 06.00 PM**
3- Pre bid meeting	:	**Date 30-10-2023 at 04.00 PM**
4- Last Date/time for online submission of tender form	:	**Date 09-11-2023 up to 12.00 PM**
5- Opening of Online Tender Forms (Technical bids)	:	**Date 09-11-2023 at 03.00PM**

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EDITORIAL

"Health is not a luxury item or simply an outcome of development; it's a fundamental human right, the means to development and the foundation of social, economic and political stability and security"

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

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— Ramnath Goenka

TAX DEMAND ON OLD DUES NOT VERY TAXPAYER-FRIENDLY

THE income tax department has spooked taxpayers with notices to settle very old tax demands and has been adjusting refunds against dues that date back 20 years or more. Shocked taxpayers have taken to social media to vent their anger. Many are helpless as they do not have the documents to prove that the department's claims are wrong. Scared of the tax department's wrath, many are paying the amount demanded without any resistance. And while the department remains unperturbed by the criticism, this episode has only increased the trust deficit between the taxpayers and the department. This also raises questions on the government's claim of being pro-taxpayer and non-adversarial in tax matters.

The tax department has justified its demands, saying if the system throws up cases where taxes are due, the department will collect taxes or adjust them with the refunds. It says no law prohibits the collection of unpaid taxes, regardless of how old these may be. The tax authority's justification is that if a tax case from 2005-06 is now decided in its favour, the department will collect its dues. In its defence, it says taxpayers are given the opportunity to respond to the demand notices. But some blame possible 'errors' in the tax department's system which result in numerous tax demands being raised from the past. Even the department admits there could be cases where taxes were paid but the details have not been updated or entered into the system. How can the taxpayer be made to pay again in such cases?

The government has in recent years claimed that it is working towards a more predictable and non-adversarial tax policy. It has tried to do away with unnecessary litigation by deciding not to appeal in cases where the tax outstanding is low. It has also tried to simplify the income tax return (ITR) filing process by proposing a common ITR form instead of having seven different forms. Faster payment of refunds has also earned the department some adulation. However, all these efforts come to naught if taxpayers are harassed for such old tax 'dues'. If the tax department cannot close cases that are two decades old, it certainly cannot laud itself for being pro-taxpayer. Mind you, individual taxpayers will not have the resources and time to fight the tax department.

FRINGE PARTIES THICKEN TELANGANA POLL PLOT

ALL India Congress Committee leader Rahul Gandhi has predicted a Congress tsunami in the Telangana assembly elections. Well, the euphoria surrounding his meetings may have prompted him to hazard a guess. The ruling Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) is also boasting of an impending hat-trick while the BJP is pinning its hopes on big guns like Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah to catapult it to the position of a king-maker, if not the king. However, there is an X-factor at play here: fringe parties.

In the 2018 elections, the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) garnered 3.51 percent of the votes while the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) secured 2.06 percent. This time, there are new entrants such as Jana Sena and YSR Telangana Party (YSRTP). YS Sharmila's YSRTP and former IPS officer Praveen Kumar's BSP could be the dark horses in this election. Sharmila had negotiated a merger with the Congress but the talks failed and she is now keen on contesting in all 119 constituencies. Political circles are abuzz with speculation that she could dampen Congress prospects in Mahabubnagar, Rangareddy, Nalgonda, and Khammam districts. The BSP has also been working at the grassroots for some time and it may wean away Dalit votes from BRS and the Congress in some pockets. On the other hand, Asaduddin Owaisi's All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen isn't really a fringe party but is usually confined to seven or eight seats. It is supportive of the BRS and is in a friendly contest with it to evidently cut into Congress votes to help its ally.

The TDP still has support, particularly among the so-called settlers from Andhra who can influence results in at least 20 segments. They had shifted to the BRS post-bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh as the TDP lost its leaders. Now, given the belief among many that the BJP is behind the arrest of TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu, and suspicion that the BRS, too, could be helping Andhra CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, they might support the Congress. But the TDP has announced it will contest in about 80 constituencies and some Seemandhra voters might want to show solidarity with it. In such a case, their anger could dent the prospects of the BRS and the BJP. Jana Sena, an ally of the BJP in Andhra, also wants to contest in 30 constituencies. BJP state chief G Kishan Reddy went into a huddle with Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan. What transpired isn't clear but it is likely the BJP will want Jana Sena to sit out. In fact, during the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation polls, Jana Sena had withdrawn at the BJP's behest. Ultimately, fringe parties could determine the outcome if the election goes down to the wire.

QUICK TAKE

HOSTS BE GRACIOUS IN HOSTING

A policeman stopped a Pakistani fan from chanting 'Pakistan zindabad' at his team's cricket match in Bengaluru on Friday. The fan was one of the few Pakistanis to have been granted a visa during the ICC World Cup. The incident is an extreme version of the Tebbit test. British Conservative politician Norman Tebbit insisted in 1990 that South Asians in Britain needed to support England in cricket to show loyalty for their country of residence; he has been ridiculed for it ever since. If India is to host international events, we have to welcome people from all over. Stopping others from supporting their teams is absurd.

The auditor general has found several holes in Ayushman Bharat's performance. Misidentification of beneficiaries is one. There may be simple solutions to plug the leaks

WHAT AILS THE BIGGEST HEALTH COVER

BIBEK DEBROY

Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister

SOUMYADIP SINHA

THE Comptroller and Auditor General's (CAG) eleventh performance audit report of 2023 is on the Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY). The report covers the period between September 2018 and March 2021. Who can deny the importance of AB-PMJAY? It is a targeted subsidy for beneficiaries identified by the Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC). PMJAY is one component of AB, the other being health and wellness centres. The number of total expected beneficiaries is just over 107 million and they get health cover of ₹5 lakh per family every year for secondary and tertiary hospitalisation. (That 107 million is a base figure, so one shouldn't read too much into it. There has been population growth and those under the National Food Security Act were added.)

The trouble is, health is on the State List and many states have their own health insurance schemes and databases for identifying beneficiaries. Therefore, they can use their own databases for PMJAY, provided every household identified by SECC is included in whatever database a state uses for PMJAY. There is a beneficiary identification system (BIS). Beneficiaries must register and get e-cards.

To quote from the CAG report, "BIS has a provision for marking/flagging beneficiaries to indicate whether they pertain to PMJAY or the state's own scheme. The Pradhan Mantri Arogya Mitra which registers beneficiaries on the BIS is required to create/select the appropriate flag code so that any beneficiary registered in BIS is clearly identified by the National Health Authority's (NHA) IT system as pertaining to PMJAY or the state's own scheme. This flag is used by the IT system not only in BIS but also while availing scheme benefits subsequently in the transaction management system. Some of the states are using their own IT systems. States/UTs implementing their own health insurance/assurance schemes are allowed to continue with their own datasets for beneficiary identification. States/UTs are required to map their own databases with SECC within a reasonable period of time."

This isn't happening. There are states which aren't using flags. There are also states that use their own IT systems, not the NHA's BIS. The upshot is that there is no proper match with the SECC database. As a prospective beneficiary, I apply for registration with all the documents. These are sent to the insurance company or trust, and the online system generates a match confidence score for approval or rejection.

"Data analysis revealed that the match confidence score was not applied as criteria during the approval/rejection process of registration of a person. In the absence of any prescribed threshold levels, approvals and rejections were made irrespective of the confidence score. Out of 11,38,21,032 approved cases, 3,67,10,090 cases (32.25 percent) were approved even though these did not fetch any match confidence score, while in 1,68,91,452 cases (14.84 percent), the match confidence score was zero. Similarly, out of 94,88,583 rejected cases, 38,57,263 cases (40.65 percent) were rejected despite having a match confidence score of 51 to 100."

CAG reports use polite language. Stated impolitely, approval and rejection are both arbitrary. "Scheme guidelines stipulate that once the eligible beneficiary is verified, a PMJAY ID is assigned to the beneficiary. This PMJAY ID is a nine-digit alphanumeric code and serves as a unique identification key. Data analysis revealed that the PMJAY ID was not unique in 1,57,176 cases (approved cases only)... The presence of duplicate IDs in the system indicates failure of the system to generate a unique ID for each beneficiary. In such circumstances, possibility of presence of ineligible beneficiaries in the BIS database cannot be ruled out."

There is more. "As per the scheme guidelines, there is no definition of a family as in other schemes such as the Central Government Health Scheme, Employees' State Insurance Corporation, etc. Further, guidelines also stipulate that there is no cap on family size for eligible households. Data analysis revealed that in 43,197 households, the size of the family was unrealistic, ranging from 11 to 201 members.... The presence of such unrealistic members in a household in the BIS database indicates not only lack of essential validation controls in the beneficiary registration process, but also the possibility that beneficiaries are taking advantage of the lack of a clear definition of family in the guidelines." Though 201 family members in a household is logically possible, it does smell fishy.

Shouldn't life be simpler with Aadhaar? "PMJAY guidelines stipulate 'Aadhaar' as one of the identity documents for a family member for registration under AB-PMJAY... If any PMJAY family member does not have an Aadhaar card, they can get treatment only once without an Aadhaar and shall apply and obtain Aadhaar at the earliest for treatment in future. In Tamil Nadu, linking of multiple beneficiaries with same/erroneous Aadhaar numbers were noted during data analysis."

Also part of the Jan Dhan-Aadhaar-Mobile trinity is the mobile number. "Guidelines on disabling a BIS e-card provide that the state health agency shall send SMS intimation to the contact number provided at the time of card creation informing the beneficiary to check their eligibility. Data analysis of the BIS database revealed that there were large numbers of beneficiaries registered against the same or invalid mobile number. Overall 1,119 to 7,49,820 beneficiaries were linked with a single mobile number in the BIS database." I don't have space to quote every bit from the report, such as violation of the stipulation (across states) that if any household member is a government employee, there should be no beneficiary from that household. "The audit observed that delayed action in weeding out the ineligible beneficiaries resulted in ineligible persons availing benefits of the scheme and excess payment of premium to the insurance companies."

Who can deny the necessity of PMJAY? Barring the northeastern states, 60 percent of funding comes from the central government. This performance audit report establishes that those who should benefit from the scheme aren't getting enrolled and those who shouldn't are beneficiaries.

A certain amount of leakage and misidentification is inevitable and can also be linked to corruption. How excessive is this and can the system be tightened? There is a beautiful island in Greece called Zakynthos, which became infamous as the island of the blind. Since blind people were given a monthly stipend, many people with sight declared themselves blind. After the scam was unearthed in 2011, the scheme was shut down. At the time, one such 'blind' person was found driving a Porsche. If there is misidentification, someone has to pay.

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WHEN A SCHOLAR LET HIS BOOKS GO

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

THE ongoing festival season is meant to be a time of introspection and updating the way we live our lives. While we are taught that the aim of life is to find our souls, we are also taught how to keep body and soul together in meaningful ways that affirm the gift of human birth. The story that I would like to retell on this theme is taken from the tradition of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa, the 19th century savant. This story picks up on the saint's conviction that to be successful, we need to be grounded in several realities—physical, moral and spiritual.

Hari Narayan was a greatly learned young scholar. His wife had died of an illness and he did not know how to bring up his little daughter, Ruma. He missed his wife in a vague way, more particularly when it came to a tidy house, washed clothes and fresh, hot food. Feeling unable to cope, he decided to take his daughter to his wife's parents who lived in a village across the Ganga.

It was the onset of monsoon and the sky was overcast when Hari and Ruma boarded a boat to take them across the river. They found themselves good seats on the benches along the sides and sailed off. Hari looked around him and finding nobody of note, began to talk to the passenger next to him. He was a tall, broad-shouldered man and looked to be a cultivator. Hari looked at him condescendingly and asked, "So have you read the *Vedanta*?"

"No, sir, I have not," said the man with a smile.

"Really? What about the *Samkhya*?"

"And what may that be, sir?"

"My good fellow, it is philosophy. But surely you know the *Patanjala*?"

"I don't have the faintest idea, sir."

"You poor fellow. You don't know anything. I have spent my life in study and I know these books backwards."

"Congratulations on your learning, sir."

Storm clouds had gathered meanwhile and a fierce wind began to blow. The boatmen tried their best to ride the wind but the boat tilted heavily to one side, throwing the passengers here and there. Finally, the captain called out, "Save yourselves! The boat is going under!"

People began jumping into the river in terror. Hari's daughter clung to him in fear.

"I'm leaving now. Can you swim?" asked the cultivator, preparing to jump.

"No, I cannot," stuttered Hari. The boat lurched violently just then, sending them all into the raging river. Hari struggled in the water, unable to save himself or Ruma, who went under almost at once.

"Ruma! Ruma!" called Hari in horror, kicking his arms and legs helplessly.

Suddenly, there was a strong hand on his shoulder and he felt himself being towed towards the riverbank. It was the cultivator, who had seen him drowning and saved him.

Hari felt small and wretched. His daughter was dead and he owed his life to the very man he had patronised and been so rude to. He folded his hands to his saviour, tears pouring down his face.

P RAVIKUMAR

"I don't know how to thank you," said Hari. Just a few moments ago, he had been condescending to Manik because he wasn't as well-read. But when Manik saved Hari from drowning since he didn't know how to swim, he realised his folly and folded his hands to his saviour

"I don't know how to thank you," he said in a low voice.

"I'm sorry about your daughter."

"Why did you risk your life to save me when I was so rude to you?"

"We are all in the river of life together. I don't know the scriptures but I know how to swim. I just did my duty," said the cultivator.

Hari was stunned by this reply. This was a philosophy of life indeed, a practical one based on right conduct or *dharma*. He felt even smaller.

"What will you do now, sir?" asked the cultivator. Hari's shoulders sagged in defeat.

"I don't know," he admitted sadly. "I have nothing and nobody to go back to."

"Book learning has not helped you now, sir, if you will not be offended. Come back with me to my village and learn a few survival skills. You will feel stronger for it," invited the cultivator.

"What is your name, my friend?" asked Hari.

"Manik," said the man, and Hari accepted his kind invitation, deciding to visit his in-laws later.

Six months of strenuous village life sweated all the ghee and sugar off Hari's city bones. Manik took him to the river and taught him how to swim. Soon, Hari grew unafraid of water. He thought sadly of Ruma. "Ah, little one, I failed you. What business had I to live by the Ganga and never learn to swim?"

A new, penitent tenderness bloomed in his hitherto self-absorbed heart.

"Child, forgive me. Wife, forgive me. I took you both for granted. And now you are both lost to me forever; so, I cannot even make up for it." Such reproachful thoughts haunted Hari's nights. He noticed that Manik did not leave him alone by day. "He is trying to keep me busy," realised Hari, with grateful incredulity. Hari felt smaller than ever and grieved even more pitifully that he had lost his opportunity to be a good householder.

Meanwhile, he found that he was making up for it under Manik's tutelage. He learned to milk cows, drive cattle, mend holes in the thatch, and even learned to cook from Manik's mother. One day by the river, Manik was offended when Hari offered him the money pouch that was tied around his waist and had survived the boat wreck.

"I felt bad about your child and wanted to help you, don't reduce it to money," he said.

"But my food..." faltered Hari.

"There's enough for another mouth, don't worry," said Manik, appeased.

Hari went back with Manik, thanking God for the gradual turnaround in his circumstances.

"I was too useless to save either Ruma or myself. But I was given the chance to live on and make something of my life," he thought soberly. "I won't drown now."

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Unsettling reality

Ref: *United by creed and divided by greed* (Oct 22). The author succinctly explained the wide chasm between the rich and poor in the Arab world. Gazans have been living in abject poverty for decades. Oil-rich Arab countries could have improved the living standards of Gazans by giving them employment opportunities. Instead, they raise their voices for Palestinians only when there is war with Israel. It is the western countries that provide shelter to indigent Muslims.

R Sridharan, Chennai

Arab countries

Prabhu Chawla's article has laid down some brutal facts. If Arab countries take an unflinching and united stand for the creation of a Palestine state, the dream of Palestinians can be achieved. But economic considerations prompt them to do otherwise.

C G Kuriakose, Kothamangalam

Vacancy woes

Ref: *Fill up 3,300 backlog posts in higher education dept, CM tells minister* (Oct 22). This is a timely initiative. It is paradoxical that a huge number of job vacancies exist in a country with rampant unemployment.

Rajarao Kumar, Bengaluru

Unsolicited advice

Ref: *US, UK on the Canadian page over recall of 41 diplomats* (Oct 22). When something is between two sovereign countries, others have no business lecturing India. Canada has not provided concrete evidence of India's involvement in the Khalistani terrorist's murder. We cannot tolerate the holier-than-thou attitude of the Five Eyes countries.

Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

Futile development

Ref: *First release of two hostages by Hamas amid intense bombing* (Oct 21). With 200 people held hostage by Hamas, one wonders if this gesture will help de-escalate tensions. Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed to "fight until victory" in Gaza, and this reminds one of Neville Chamberlain's words: "In war, whichever side may call itself the victor, there are no winners, but all are losers."

Biju C Mathew, Thiruvananthapuram

NEET exam

Ref: *Udhaya launches drive against NEET, invites AIADMK to be part of it* (Oct 22). Udhayanidhi's campaign is futile. The SC has closed the matter, and the exam has also found favour with parents and students. Instead of indulging in political gimmicks, DMK should launch free coaching centres in rural areas. That would be true social justice.

G Nataraja Perumal, Tenkasi

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Sushil Kumar Modi @SushilModi
Tejashwi's leadership will not be accepted by Luv-Kush, backward classes. If Nitish is serious, then immediately hand over the chair to the 'child'.

Pawan Khera @Pawankhera
One after another, CAG reports are testifying to scams in different ministries of the Modi government. But now BJP's 'opinion' regarding CAG has changed.

Jawhar Sircar @jawharsircar
Noam Chomsky, himself a Jew, attacks wealth and power (that Jews enjoy most) as the real reason why Israel and US can get away with crushing Palestine!

■ Govt yatra involves babus to showcase govt achievements ■ Public service delivery is govt duty, says BJP

Kharge: PM politicising bureaucracy blatantly

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> Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress chief

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

CONCERNED over a recent government order to involve senior bureaucrats in a cross-country 'yatra' to showcase the achievements of the Modi government, Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday demanding immediate recall of the order.

Kharge's letter refers to an order dated October 18 of the Department of Revenue in the Finance Ministry about the nomination of officers in the ranks of joint secretary, director and deputy secretary to be deployed as 'rath prabharis' (special officers) in 765 districts in the country.

Accusing the BJP government of using bureaucrats as campaigners of the party, Kharge said the matter was of great concern not just to the INDIA parties but also to the people at large.

"It is no coincidence that the last 9 years correspond to your tenure in office. This is of grave concern for multiple reasons," Kharge's letter said. He also flagged the order as a clear violation of the Central Civil Services Conduct Rules, 1964, which direct that no government servant shall take part in any political activity. "While it is acceptable for government officers to disseminate information, to make them celebrate and showcase achievements blatantly turns them into political workers of the ruling party. The fact that only 'achievements' of the last nine years are being considered gives away the fact that this is a transparently political order in the run-up to the five state elections and the general election in 2024," he wrote. "If senior officers are being deputed for marketing activity of the government, the governance of the country will grind to a halt for the next six months."

Kharge also referred to an order passed by the Ministry of Defence on October 9, directing soldiers on annual leave to spend time promoting government schemes, making them "soldier-ambassadors."

"The Army Training Command, which should be focused on preparing our jawans to defend the nation, is busy preparing scripts and training manuals on how to promote government schemes. It is of utmost importance in a democracy that the armed forces are kept out of politics. To force our soldiers to become marketing agents of government schemes is a dangerous step towards politicisation of the Armed Forces," he pointed out.

'Marketing agents of the govt'

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In a counter, Nadda says Congress against poor

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>
> JP Nadda, BJP chief

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

A verbal duel ensued on Sunday between the BJP and Congress over a government decision to conduct a mega nationwide drive 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' and make deployment of senior officials for it.

The yatra's objective is to take all welfare schemes to completion through public awareness. According to official sources, the drive, months ahead of the general election, will be organised across the country's 2.69 lakh panchayats in 765 districts.

The first-of-its-kind drive is proposed to disseminate information on the achievements of government in the last 9 years. It is scheduled to begin from November 20 and last until January 25. The government has decided to deploy officials in the rank of joint secretary, director, and deputy secretary pertaining to various services as 'district rath prabharis."

After Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge's objection to the drive, BJP chief Jagat Prakash Nadda accused the Congress and its leaders of being anti-poor. Taking to X, Nadda said: "It may be an alien concept to the Congress, but public service delivery is the duty of a government. If the Modi government wants to ensure saturation of all schemes and ensure all beneficiaries are reached, nobody who has the interest of the poor in his mind can have a problem".

On Kharge's charge that the government was misusing civil servants for politically motivated drive, Nadda countered him saying the Congress had an issue with public servants reaching the grassroots.

"It baffles me... the Congress is having an issue with public servants reaching the grassroots to ensure saturation of schemes. If this is not the basic tenet of governance, what is? Regarding opposition to a 'rath', it is a fit use of public resource unlike using warships as personal yachts," he remarked on X.

Nadda said that public service delivery is the duty of the government. Speaking about the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, a senior official said that specially designed 'raths' depicting the social welfare schemes of the Modi government will reach the beneficiaries to make them aware of schemes.

Quoting the Prime Minister, a senior government official said the PM wants all welfare schemes to reach full saturation in the next six months.

Officials to raise public awareness

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TMC dithers as BJP mounts offensive over Mahua

PREETHA NAIR & RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

LAUNCHING a scathing attack on Trinamool Congress (TMC) over the 'cash-for-question' controversy surrounding its MP Mahua Moitra, the BJP on Sunday asked the ruling party of West Bengal to clear its stand on the issue.

Meanwhile, BJP MP Nishikant Dubey, who has been relentlessly attacking Moitra, said that he will observe a "ceasefire till Dussehra on October 24".

Breaking its silence on the controversy, TMC on Sunday said that it will take an appropriate decision after the Lok Sabha Ethics Committee completes its investigation into the charges against Moitra.

Speaking to the media, TMC's Rajya Sabha MP Derek O'Brien said, "The member concerned has been advised by the party leadership to clarify her position regarding the allegations levelled against her. She has already done that. However, since the matter has to do with an elected MP, her rights and privileges, let the matter be investigated by the right forum of Parliament, after which the party leadership will take an appropriate decision." He said the party has observed media reports on the matter.

TMC's West Bengal general secretary and spokesperson Kunal Ghosh said the party has nothing to say on the issue and that the "person around whom this controversy is revolving is best suited to react to this".

BJP national spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla asked the TMC central leadership to clarify its official stand on the row. Taking to X, he asked, "TMC's official stand on Mahua Moitra is that 'we won't comment'. The said MP will defend herself. Does it mean: 1) TMC accepts Mahua Moitra has made serious breaches, including giving her login to be operated from foreign soil by a rival corporate entity in exchange for kickbacks? 2) If so, then why is TMC still retaining her rather than sacking her? 3) Is the TMC afraid of taking this action because the party itself has something to hide? Perhaps people in the party knew or endorsed it? TMC must clarify."

The events unfolded last week after Nishikant Dubey and Moitra's estranged partner and lawyer Jai Anant Dehadrai alleged that the TMC MP took favours from business tycoon Darshan Hiranandani and shared her Parliament login credentials to raise questions in the lower House.

Dubey also wrote to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to constitute a committee to look into the charges against Moitra and to suspend her from the House till the panel completes its inquiry.

Birla has deferred the complaint against Moitra to Parliament's Ethics Committee, which will record the statements of Dubey and Dehadrai on October 26.

Moitra has steadfastly denied the allegations and has welcomed inquiries of the CBI and the Lok Sabha Ethics Committee. She also said that she has turned down two offers of peace deal.

Darshan Hiranandani, the CEO of the Hiranandani Group, who allegedly paid Moitra to raise questions in Parliament about the Adani Group, recently claimed in a signed affidavit that she targeted Gautam Adani to "malign and embarrass Prime Minister Modi".

Moitra has refuted all the allegations and raised questions over the credibility of Hiranandani's affidavit. She has alleged that his affidavit appeared to be drafted by the Prime Minister's Office and Hiranandani might have been forced to sign it, faced with the threat of a "total shutdown" of his family's businesses.

TMC distances itself

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100-year celebrations: CPI plans videos for OTT platforms to revive prospects

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE Communist Party of India (CPI), in a bid to revive its fortunes, plans to produce video contents for OTT platforms as part of its centenary celebrations. This is besides the literature the party plans to publish on its contribution to the freedom struggle and biographies of prominent party leaders, including its founding members.

The idea is to reiterate the important role played by communist leaders during the independence struggle and party-guided movements, said CPI's national secretariat member Bhalchandra Kango.

According to Kango, the party has already approached some directors to materialise the plan.

"Movies and documentaries for OTT platforms are proposed. We have approached some directors though the proposal is at the planning stage. The idea is how to be election-ready. People need to be reminded about the party's history, its leaders and CPI-guided struggles such as liberation of Goa and Puducherry. The role of All India Students' Federation (AISF) in freedom struggle will be told and also how the Indian Peoples' Theatre Association (IPTA) has helped in shaping up or thinking of Bollywood," Kango said.

The CPI will be completing 100 years of its formation in 1925. The party was formed in December 1925 in Kanpur. The AISF came into being in 1936 and IPTA was born seven years later. The theatre artists' association promoted themes related to the Indian freedom struggle with the help of revolutionary songs, plays, street plays and revival of folk forms of art and culture.

Noted artistes such as re Prithviraj Kapoor, Balraj Sahni, Kaifi Azmi and Dina Pathak were part of the association.

To organise a slew of activities including printing of biographies and history booklets, a 20-member national-level committee has been formed. More members will be added to the panel as each state will be nominating their representatives.

"Certain programmes have been given. Like publication of literature. A series on party's participation in the freedom struggle, martyrs who fought for the cause of people, biographies and history of party-guided struggle, about comrades who led the struggle, heroic fight against the Nizam's rule in Telangana," said Kango, adding that some activities have already been initiated.

Last year, during the 24th national congress of the party in Vijayawada, CPI general secretary D Raja urged the rank and file to plan and celebrate in advance. He also encouraged CPI cadre to strengthen the outfit and enroll new members.

"The plans are to involve party sympathisers, well wishers and old comrades in the 100 years celebrations," said the CPI leader.

Jogging memory

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Cyclone brewing in Bay of Bengal; may hit Odisha, WB

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

THE Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has warned of a cyclonic storm that is likely to make a landfall at the eastern coastal region including West Bengal and Odisha in the next 72 hours and bring rain. It has advised the fisherfolk not to venture into Bay of Bengal till October 26.

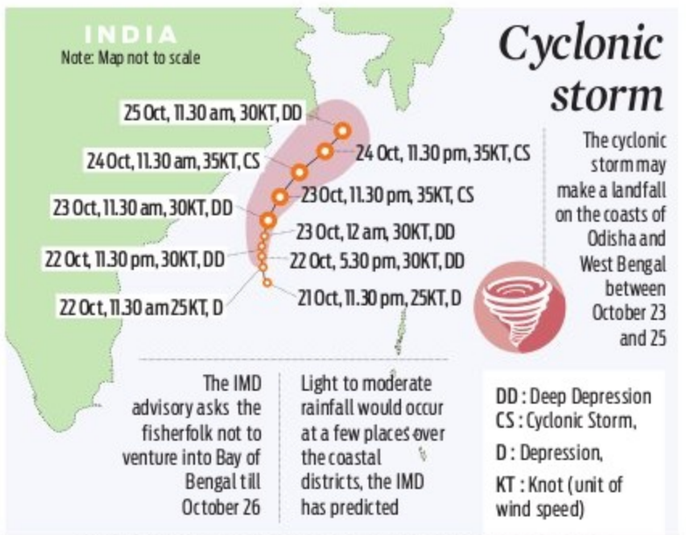
A depression formed in Bay of Bengal during the intervening night of October 20 and 21, and began moving in the north-east direction. Now it is 700 km away from West Bengal's Digha.

The forecast by Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) said the depression will turn into deep depression with intensified windspeed, increasing the possibility of a marginal cyclone.

Depressions and cyclones are classified based on the wind speed. A low-pressure area is declared as a depression if the wind speed is 31-49 kmph, followed by a deep depression with 50-61 kmph and a cyclonic storm with 62-88 kmph. It is further categorised as severe, very severe, extremely severe and finally, super cyclone.

"In the next 72 hours, the cyclonic system will be over the sea level and we are yet to locate its landfall," said Mrutyujay Mohapatra, director general (meteorology), IMD. "Right now, our forecast shows that it will recurve towards Bangladesh and adjoining coastal areas of West Bengal," he added.

Under the influence of this cyclonic system, the coastal areas of West Bengal, Odisha, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and other northeastern states will experience light to moderate rainfall till October 25.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Cyclonic storm
25 Oct, 11.30 am, 30KT, DD
24 Oct, 11.30 am, 35KT, CS
24 Oct, 11.30 pm, 35KT, CS
23 Oct, 11.30 pm, 35KT, CS
23 Oct, 11.30 am, 30KT, DD
23 Oct, 12 am, 30KT, DD
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The cyclonic storm may make a landfall on the coasts of Odisha and West Bengal between October 23 and 25
The IMD advisory asks the fisherfolk not to venture into Bay of Bengal till October 26
Light to moderate rainfall would occur at a few places over the coastal districts, the IMD has predicted
DD : Deep Depression
CS : Cyclonic Storm,
D : Depression,
KT : Knot (unit of wind speed)

EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM 'TEJ' IN ARABIAN SEA

The IMD advisory said that rough to very rough sea conditions are prevailing and will continue till October 25. "Fisherfolk are advised not to venture into Bay of Bengal between October 23 and 26. Those out at sea must return to the coast," it said.

The squall wind speed in Odisha and West Bengal coasts can increase up to 80 kmph on October 23-26. If this system intensifies into a cyclone, it will be called Hamoon.

According to the evening bulletin of IMD's Bhubaneswar centre, light to moderate rainfall would occur at a few places over the coastal districts of Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Angul, Dhenkanal, Boudh, Kandhamal, Rayagada, Koraput and Malkangiri for 24 hours from 8.30 am on Monday. Similarly, northern and southern coastal districts, along with Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj and Dhenkanal would experience light to moderate rainfall for 24 hours from 8.30 am on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, an extremely severe cyclonic storm, Tej, in Arabian Sea is likely to move northwest and cross Yemen-Oman coasts around noon of October 24, the IMD said.

"The cyclonic storm is predicted to move northwestwards and cross the coasts between Al Ghaidah (Yemen) and Salalah (Oman), close to the east of Al Ghaidah around noon on October 24 as a very severe cyclonic storm with wind speed of 115-125 kmph, gusting to 140 kmph," it said. "The very severe cyclonic storm 'Tej' intensified into an extremely severe cyclonic storm and lay centred about 160 km near Socotra (Yemen), on Sunday," IMD said.

POWER GAMES

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Reverse Migration

CAPTAIN MAY FOLLOW LOYALISTS BACK TO CONG

Captain Amarinder Singh led a huge round of defection in the state Congress when he was removed as chief minister of Punjab by the party's high command. Most top leaders of the state Congress, including former ministers and MLAs, left the party. A large number of them followed Amarinder to the BJP. Some went to the Shiromani Akali Dal led by Sukhbir Singh Badal. The last couple of months have seen a reverse migration. Most of the Congress leaders have returned to the party fold. But the top defectors – Amarinder and Sunil Jakhar – have stayed out. Jakhar has been appointed president of the BJP's Punjab unit. Amarinder was expected to be inducted either as a Union minister or a state governor. But he has been kept out in the cold for over a year after joining the BJP. Sources said Priyanka Gandhi has been in frequent touch with him and discussions on his return to the Congress have been taking place. The talks are stuck on the role to be given to Amarinder. According to sources Amarinder wants to return as state Congress president with full command of the party unit. The Congress high command, however, is working on generational change in the party and has been promoting younger leaders. It is reportedly ready to give the octogenarian leader a place in the Congress Working Committee, besides offering him a Lok Sabha ticket in the 2024 elections. Discussions are on and an announcement is likely soon.

Sweet Revenge

MAKEN TO TAKE FINAL CALL ON GEHLOT'S MEN

Ajay Maken had resigned from the post of All India Congress Committee's (AICC) Rajasthan in-charge after ministers loyal to chief minister Ashok Gehlot refused to allow him and Mallikarjun Kharge to meet state MLAs. Kharge and Maken were sent by the party high command to Rajasthan to get the views of MLAs on the demand raised by Sachin Pilot for the change of chief minister. But two ministers – Shanti Dhariwal and Mahesh Joshi – prevented the MLAs from meeting the two AICC leaders, reportedly at the behest of Gehlot. The Gehlot camp demanded that the AICC leaders meet the MLAs as a group and not individually. The AICC leaders then demanded a one-line resolution authorising the Congress president to take a final call on who would head the state government. This, too, was turned down by the Gehlot camp. An angry Maken termed this as indiscipline and sought action against the two ministers leading the CM's group. When Kharge, as new Congress president, did not act against Gehlot's errant ministers, Maken resigned as AICC in-charge of Rajasthan. In a twist of fate, Maken has been given the powerful post of party treasurer. He has also been asked to take a final call on disputed seats in the current assembly elections. This has put the fate of all the Gehlot loyalists in Maken's hands. Sources said Maken is not in favour of giving tickets to Shanti Dhariwal and Mahesh Joshi as he feels their actions have undermined the prestige of the party's high command. Gehlot has met Maken twice to seek his support.

MARATHA QUOTA

Activist Manoj Jarange on Sunday said he would launch a fast unto death protest from October 25 if the Maharashtra government fails to grant quota to the Maratha community by Tuesday.

03 KILLED IN VAN-CAR COLLISION IN PATAN OF GUJARAT

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	42	27	Mumbai	35	29
Bhopal	43	28	Panaji	32	28
Jaipur	41	30	Patna	41	27
Amritsar	40	23	Lucknow	42	27
Chennai	39	30	Port Blair	34	28
Kolkata	36	26	Imphal	23	18
Srinagar	18	08	Chandigarh	42	23

■ Ruling party repeats most of the faces to avoid controversy ■ State BJP chief CP Joshi confident the situation will be under control

Gehlot stamp all over Cong second list for Rajasthan

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

CONGRESS on Sunday released its second list of 43 candidates for the assembly elections in Rajasthan. To avoid controversy, the party has repeated most of the faces and has tried to cater to all sections. In this list, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has been successful in getting tickets for most of his supporters. Although A couple of Sachin Pilot supporters have also been given tickets in this list.

Niranjan Arya, who has been the Chief Secretary of the state and is considered close to Gehlot, has also been given the ticket. Some supporters of Sachin Pilot have also been included in this list. Brijendra Ola and Suresh Modi are those close to Sachin who are included.

Congress has given tickets to three minority Muslim communities keeping in mind all the sections. Naseem Akhtar has been given ticket from a religious place like Pushkar, although he had lost the previous seat. So far, four people from the Muslim community have been made candidates in both the lists.

The independent MLAs, Khushveer Singh and Sanyam Lodha and Babulal Nagarn who supported Congress as an independent candidates when Sachin Pilot rebelled in 2020 , have also been given tickets .

The party has also given ticket to Omprakash Hoodla. Gehlot was continuously advocating for their candidacy and was successful in his efforts. Dungar Ram Gaidar, who had contested the elections from BSP but saved the government in 2020, has also been given the ticket.

The list includes most of the faces who are ministers in the Gehlot government. These include Education Minister BD Kalla from Bikaner West, Mining Minister Pramod Jain Bhaya from Anta, Food and Supply Minister Pratapsingh Khachariyawas from Civil Lines, Rafiq Khan from Adarsh Nagar, Amin Kagzi from Kishanpol, Udaylal Anjana from Nimbahera, Raghu Sharma from Kekri, Naseem Akhtar Insaf from Pushkar, Ramlal Jat from Mandal..

Congress had released the list of 33 candidates a day earlier. In this, tickets of all the senior leaders of the state including Gehlot, State President Govind Singh Dotasara, former Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot and Assembly Speaker CP Joshi have been announced. In this list, the old faces were repeated. However, UDH Minister **Shanti Dhariwal** and PHED Minister Mahesh Joshi, who were responsible for the 2022 rebellion, could not get tickets in this list also.

Independent candidates given ticket

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Protests erupt as BJP announces more names

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>
> Chandrabhan Singh Aakya, BJP leader

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

PROTESTS by BJP ticket claimants erupted in many districts of Rajasthan after the party declared its second list of 83 candidates for assembly election. Earlier after the first list of 41 candidates, the party saw a strong resentment in workers over a dozen seats in Rajasthan.

Protests on Sunday were particularly intense in Chittorgarh, Rajsamand, Bundi, Alwar and Jaipur. In Chittorgarh, Rajasthan BJP president CP Joshi had to face the ire of protestors after the party dropped sitting MLA **Chandrabhan Singh Aakya** and the ticket was given to Narpat Singh Rajvi. Party workers chanted slogans against CP Joshi and staged a protest.

Supporters of Chandrabhan Singh Aakya, who served as an MLA from Chittorgarh for two consecutive terms, voiced their dissent on learning of his ticket being revoked. Akya's supporters congregated outside the MLA's office and chanted slogans against the BJP state president.

Security arrangements were reinforced with the deployment of police personnel at Joshi's residence.

Akya said "when Joshi was part of NSUI and I was with ABVP, he harboured animosity towards me. Consequently, my ticket was revoked. During our student years, was responsible for NSUI, while I took charge of ABVP's responsibilities. Our paths crossed in Panchayat election which only intensified Joshi's bias against me. I had anticipated my ticket's cancellation. The BJP is likely to face electoral setbacks

in the entire division, including Chittorgarh. In Rajsamand, supporters of BJP aspirants Dinesh Badala, Ganesh Paliwal, and Mahendra Kothari vandalised the BJP office in protest against fielding the sitting MLA Deepti Maheshvari. Angry workers set election materials on fire and the police had to intervene. Many officials and booth workers resigned in protest against the ticket decision.

In Udaipur, deputy mayor Paras Singhvi opposed the candidacy of Tara Chand Jain. Becoming emotional among the workers, he urged the party's top leaders to reconsider.

Paras also criticised Assam Governor Gulab Chand Kataria, saying he was corrupting Udaipur's politics. Kataria was a prominent figure in the party in the Udaipur division.

Protests erupted at party office in Jaipur where supporters of sitting MLA Ashok Lahoty opposed Bhajan Lal Sharma, who was given a ticket from Sanganer in place of Lahoty. At Chaugan Gate in Bundi city, BJP workers protested nomination of Ashok Dogra from Bundi.

BJP office vandalised

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PK rules out contesting Lok Sabha polls

Poll strategist Prashant Kishor, who is currently on Jan Suraj Padyatra, has made it clear that his party would not contest the 2024 Lok Sabha election. Since Jan Suraj is not a political party, it cannot contest the election, Kishor explained. "If someone from Jan Suraj family contests elections, whatever strength and understanding that I and Jan Suraj have, will be deployed behind that candidate," he added. "I had already said during the Pad Yatra that Jan Suraj is not a party nor is Prashant Kishore its leader. For the development of Bihar, a blue print needs to be made in every Panchayat, he added.

BJP leaders organise fruit party on Navaratri

Ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha election, politicians are coming up with innovative ideas to improve their electoral chances. BJP leaders are known for their 'ingenuity' and so even during 'Navratri', they don't want to miss any chance. Therefore, they are organising 'Phalahar Parties' for party leaders and also common people. RJD and JD (U) leaders organise Iftar parties in the month of Ramzan. BJP leaders say that if Iftar party can be organised in the month of Ramzan, followers of Sanatan religion fast on the occasion of Navratri and so what is the harm in throwing a fruit party.

Drive launched to change perception about police

Bihar police have launched several drive against criminals like 'Operation Prahar', 'Operation Muskan' and 'Operation Muskan Part-II' to change people's perception about police. Additional director general of police (headquarters) Jitendra Singh Gangwar said that 'Operation Prahar' has yielded good results as 8,541 anti-socials were arrested on an average per month from January to September this year in the state. He said 'Vajra' teams have been constituted to arrest notorious criminals and history sheeters. In last nine months alone, 76,874 criminals were arrested under 'Operation Prahar' across the state. "The number of arrests in 2023 is higher compared to last year," he added.

CHHATTISGARH

Cong announces final list of seven candidates

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

THE Congress on Sunday declared its third and final list of 7 candidates, dropping four more sitting MLAs for the upcoming assembly polls in Chhattisgarh.

The ruling party, striving for a comeback in Chhattisgarh, has not re-nominated 22 sitting legislators, given tickets to 18 women candidates and with the third list, announced candidates for all the 90 seats.

The Congress seems to have worked out caste arithmetic in its selection process with 29 candidates belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) that the party has fielded.

According to the Congress insiders the final decision on selection of candidates was taken based on the people's feedback and the party's internal survey.

In the first list the Congress already fielded big guns, including Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, his cabinet colleagues and other senior leaders. The party declared its second list of 53 candidates last Wednesday.

Rebellion in MP BJP, Cong ranks after party lists are out

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

AFTER declaring candidates for most assembly seats for the November 17 elections in Madhya Pradesh, the ruling BJP and opposition Congress are faced with rebellion on many seats. A few hours after the ruling party released its fifth list of 92 candidates on Saturday evening, Union minister and party's assembly polls in-charge for MP, Bhupendra Yadav, was heckled by supporters of ex-minister Sharad Jain and local party leader Dhiraj Pateria at the party's divisional office in Jabalpur.

The supporters also accused state BJP chief VD Sharma of fielding his loyalist and ex-state BJYM chief Abhilash Pandey (a rank outsider) from Jabalpur-North seat to help sitting Congress MLA Vinay Saxena win the polls.

"Abhilash Pandey is an outsider; we're ready to work only for a local candidate. We lost the mayoral polls last year, as the ticket was then sold by local MP Rakesh Singh. Now an outsider is being fielded," said a local BJP leader.

Amid the ruckus, when Yadav's PSO tried to intervene and escort the union minister away, the supporters of the disgruntled BJP leaders assaulted the PSO, forcing him to try to pull out his service pistol. Three BJP workers were detained by the local police and an FIR was lodged.

Former cabinet minister and sitting BJP MLA Sharad Jain had lost his Jabalpur North seat in 2018 polls to Congress's Vinay Saxena by just around 600 votes, while the third-placed BJP rebel Dhiraj Pateria polled around 30,000 votes. But Jain and Pateria have now struck a common cause against fielding Abhilash Pandey from the same seat. The violent protest by disgruntled BJP workers at the party office in Jabalpur assumes significance as the city is the home to the wives of both national BJP president JP Nadda and state party chief VD Sharma.

Elsewhere protests by BJP workers in the wake of the fifth list of candidates, have been reported from Nagod and Raigaon seats of Satna district, by supporters of ex-home minister Umashankar Gupta in Bhopal South West seat and Chaurai seat of Chhindwara districtIn Gwalior, ex-MLA Munnalal Goyal's supporters lay down in front of Union minister Jyotiraditya Scindia's official vehicle, over fielding veteran BJP politician Maya Singh from Gwalior-East seat. Former minister and three-time former MLA Ranjana Baghel accused party's national general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya of denying her the ticket from Manawar seat of Dhar district.

A repeat of 2018

- In 2018 polls too, both Congress and BJP were troubled by rebellion
- More than 25 disgruntled leaders of both parties had contested the 2018 polls as rebels
- While the BJP lost polls on at least 5 seats, the Congress faced defeat on 7 seats, owing to rebels

I.N.D.I.A allies feel Cong not accommodative

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

THE Samajwadi Party (SP) and the Congress may have reached a temporary truce after a public spat over seat sharing in poll-bound Madhya Pradesh, but there is a perception within the Opposition I.N.D.I.A bloc that the grand old party is not accommodative enough of the regional parties.

Speaking to this newspaper about the Congress-SP spat, Janata Dal (United) leader K C Tyagi said, "The spat was unfortunate and the crisis will affect the I.N.D.I.A bloc ahead of Parliament elections. There should be no infighting among constituents in the states."

The SP has announced 33 candidates for the November 17 election to the 230-seat Assembly. The Congress announced candidates for 229 seats. SP leader Akhilesh Yadav accused the Congress of betrayal, saying the party had assured them six seats, but when its list was put out, there was nothing for the SP.

"Though the I.N.D.I.A bloc was meant for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, in the coordination committee meeting, Congress initiated talks with the SP for a few seats as it has some presence there. Somehow it fell through," said Tyagi.

Countering the perception that the Congress is trying to play the role of a 'big brother', party leader and Lok Sabha MP Manickam Tagore said, "We are clear that the I.N.D.I.A alliance is for 2024. However, some parties like the SP and AAP announced their candidates and talked about alliances. If somebody interprets it their own way, we are not responsible for it."

"While 26 parties in the INDIA bloc have no issues with the Congress, only two parties are complaining," Tagore said.

The Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader P C Chacko said whether it is state or national elections, alliance partners have to follow coalition dharma and fight together.

"Coalition means every party should be accommodated as per their strength. In Kerala, a small party like NCP has a minister," said Chacko adding that the Congress needs to be considerate of the aspirations of regional parties.

Visa clearances for students may take months after diplomatic spat with Canada

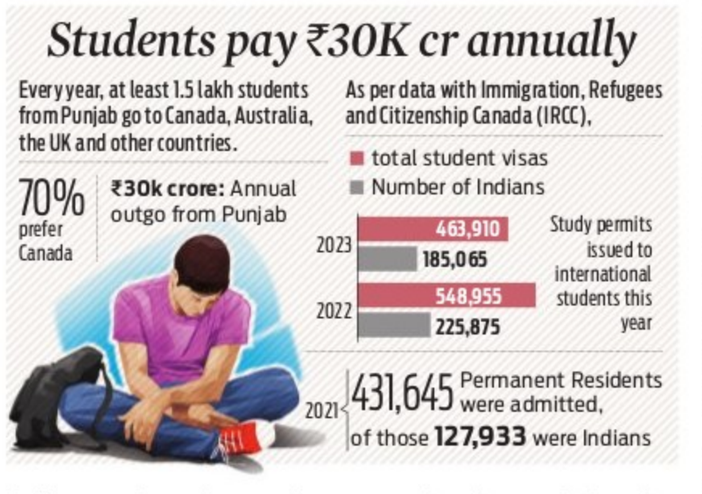
HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE diplomatic spat between Ottava and New Delhi has had a direct impact on Indian students getting ready for enrolment in Canadian universities for the winter session starting in January. Those applying for permanent residence (PR) are now likely to face delays in visa processing with the withdrawal of Canadian consular services from Chandigarh, Mumbai and Bengaluru.

Every year, at least 1.5 lakh students from Punjab go to Canada, Australia, the UK and other countries. Of them, nearly 70% go to Canada. Among the rest 30%, around 20,000 Indians, mostly from Punjab, go for studies to the UK annually and around 35,000 to Australia. Each student pays between Rs 15 and Rs 22 lakh per year. An estimated Rs 30,000 crore goes out of Punjab each year on account of student education, said sources.

Education consultants who facilitate student visas say that with the withdrawal of Canadian visa and consular services, their third-party agencies handling passport stamping in various cities might take at least two months to process the visas. The process will now be carried out by the Canadian High Commission in New Delhi.

Shamsher Singh Sandhu, managing director of Canadian Migration Lawyers, said the Canadian authorities are putting up petty objections on files related to permanent residence cases. Students, tourists and work permit holders are being questioned at airports by the authorities and airline staff in India and Canada. Refusals have increased in all categories.


Students pay ₹30K cr annually
Every year, at least 1.5 lakh students from Punjab go to Canada, Australia, the UK and other countries.
70% prefer Canada
₹30k crore: Annual outgo from Punjab
As per data with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC),
total student visas
Number of Indians
2023 463,910 185,065
2022 548,955 225,875
Study permits issued to international students this year
2021 431,645 Permanent Residents were admitted, of those 127,933 were Indians

No-man's land at Nepal border being encroached upon

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

THE no-man's land area at the India-Nepal international border at Khatima in Udham Singh Nagar district in Uttarakhand is in the grip of encroachment. Moreover, in several places, pillars are missing besides agricultural practices taking place.

According to official sources, a meeting was held recently over the issue. "Taking cognizance of the matter in a recent meeting of the Lead Intelligence Agency (LIA), it has been decided that concrete action will be taken in the first week of November."

"The initiative was taken by the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) which along with officials of the revenue, forest and irrigation department will conduct a joint survey of no-man's land of both the countries," Khatima Sub Divisional Magistrate Ravindra Singh Bisht told this newspaper.

"Though the encroachments are temporary and people from Nepal are practicing farming, it cannot be denied that such encroachment in the border area is a serious issue as per international border security rules," Bisht said.

Nepal shares an international border of 1,751 km with five states—Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar and Sikkim.

The border with Nepal in Uttarakhand extends from Dharchula in Pithoragarh district to the border of Pilibhit district of Uttar Pradesh for 275 km.

In 1950, the Indo-Nepal Peace and Friendship Treaty was signed for the free movement of citizens of both countries. With this the border became "unique" as people from both countries can cross it from any point, Narayan Bhatt, a litterateur based in Banbasa of Champawat district said.

Banbasa Block Congress president Gajendra Samanta criticised the move by Nepalis to cultivate on the Indian side, but said, "Our families also have age-old ties with Nepali families".

According to locals, the land near the border at Nagra Terai, Melaghat in Khatima villages and falling under Tarai east forest, is now being inhabited and encroached by Nepalis. Till a few years ago, this land was totally forested and remained uninhabited.

Moreover, there were reports of some tensions between locals and Nepalis in Dharchula and Banbasa areas, locals said.

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20 houses damaged in 6.1-magnitude earthquake in Nepal on Sunday

GLOBAL WEATHER

City	Max	Min		City	Max	Min	
Beijing	29	16	SNY	Los Angeles	26	17	LC
Colombo	29	24	LC	Melbourne	25	12	HR
Dhaka	32	27	SNY	Moscow	21	8	HR
Dubai	39	31	SNY	New York	26	16	LC
Houston	31	23	SNY	Singapore	32	27	SNY
Istanbul	29	17	SNY	Toronto	19	11	LC
London	24	13	LC	Washington	27	14	SNY

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

US AMPS UP MILITARY POSTURE IN WEST ASIA

Blinken warns Iran against any escalation, says won't hesitate to take the appropriate action

WASHINGTON

THE US warned Iran or its allies against any "escalation" in the wake of Israel's war with Hamas, two top US officials said on Sunday, hours after the Pentagon moved to step up military readiness in the region.

"We are concerned at the possibility of Iranian proxies escalating their attacks against our own personnel, our own people," Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on *CBS News*. "We expect there is a likelihood of escalation. No one should take advantage of this moment to escalate to further attacks on Israel or, for that matter, attacks on us on our personnel."

Austin ordered the activation of air defence systems and notified additional forces that they may be deployed soon. Austin said he had activated deployment of a Terminal High Altitude Area Defence (THAAD) battery and additional Patriot battalions "throughout the region." "I have placed an additional number of forces on prepare-to-deploy orders as part of prudent contingency planning, to increase their readiness and ability to quickly respond as required," Austin said.

Blinken said the United States was "taking every measure to make sure that we can defend them. And if necessary, respond decisively."

Austin, speaking on *ABC News*, issued a stern warning: "If any group or any country is looking to widen this conflict and take advantage of this very unfortunate situation that we see, our advice is: don't. We maintain the right to defend ourselves and we won't hesitate to take the appropriate action," he added.

Blinken's words echoed—and served to reinforce—an earlier message from Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin, who warned of a "prospect of significant escalation of attacks on our troops" in the region.

Their comments came amid growing fears that pro-Iranian Hezbollah militants in southern Lebanon, or groups supported by Tehran, might take advantage of the situation oto stretch Israel's military.

The Pentagon's moves came after what Austin had earlier described in a statement as "detailed discussions" with Biden. "These steps will bolster regional deterrence efforts, increase force protection for US forces in the region, and assist in the defence of Israel," Austin said. *AFP*

Israeli soldiers stand is a damaged school in Kibbutz Beeri along the border with the Gaza Strip on Sunday | AFP

DAYS' DEVELOPMENTS

29 staff killed in Gaza since Oct 7, says UN

The UN agency for Palestinian refugees said on Sunday that 29 of its staff had been killed in Gaza. "We are in shock and mourning. It is now confirmed that 29 of our colleagues in Gaza have been killed since October 7," UNRWA wrote on X.

Israel 'accidentally' hit Egyptian post: Army

The Israeli military said on Sunday it "accidentally fired and hit an Egyptian post" with a tank, near the border with Gaza. "The IDF (Israeli military) expresses sorrow regarding the incident" near Kerem Shalom area, an army statement said.

Hezbollah and Israel exchange fire

Hezbollah announced the deaths of five more militants as clashes along the Lebanon-Israel border intensified and the Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu warned Lebanon on Sunday not to let itself get dragged into a new war.

European rallies urge an end to antisemitism

LONDON

THOUSANDS of people joined vigils in Berlin and London on Sunday to oppose antisemitism and support Israel, while in Paris and other cities, thousands of pro-Palestinian demonstrators demanded a ceasefire and relief for people in besieged Gaza.

Some of those who gathered in front of Berlin's Brandenburg Gate carried Israeli flags or posters with photos of some of the more than 200 people seized by Hamas as hostages.

"It is unbearable that Jews are living in fear again today—in our country of all places," President Frank-Walter Steinmeier told the crowd, estimated at 20,000 by organisers and 10,000 by police. "Every single attack on Jews, on Jewish institutions is a disgrace for Germany. Every single attack fills me with shame and anger."

At a vigil in London's Trafalgar Square, participants held posters bearing the images of hostages and the missing, and chanted "bring them home."

The war has raised tensions worldwide, leaving Jewish and Muslim communities feeling vulnerable. London's Metropolitan Police force says it has seen a 13-fold upsurge in reports of antisemitic offenses in October compared to last year. Reports of anti-Muslim crimes have more than doubled.

In France, which has Europe's largest Jewish and Muslim communities, thousands of demonstrators gathered in Paris to demand Israel stop its strikes on Gaza. Police estimated 15,000 people took part.

Some waved red, green and black Palestinian flags and clambered onto the Republique plaza's central statue. A banner read "Stop the massacre in Gaza. France must call for an immediate ceasefire."

Organisers—including Palestinian and Muslim groups, peace associations, workers' and students' unions and leftist political parties—condemned Hamas' attack on civilians, urged the militant group to release all hostages and called for an end to Israel's assault and a "total and immediate ceasefire" in Gaza. *AP*

Israeli supports show placards with the faces and names of people believed to be taken hostage and held in Gaza, during a protest in London on Sunday | AP

CHINA URGES CEASEFIRE, SAYS FORCE CAN'T SOLVE WAR

BEIJING

China believes "force is not a way to resolve" the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and is once again calling for a ceasefire, its envoy for the Middle East pleaded in Egypt, the foreign ministry said on Sunday.

Egypt on Saturday hosted a "summit for peace" where UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called for swift "action to end this godawful nightmare" after two weeks of war between Israel and the Palestinian Islamist movement Hamas.

Beijing's envoy for the Middle East, Zhai Jun, met Arab League chief Ahmed Aboul Gheit on the sidelines of the summit. The Chinese diplomat called for an "immediate ceasefire and an end to the fighting as quickly as possible," his ministry said in a statement.

"China believes that force is not a way to resolve the problem and that responding to violence with violence will only lead to a vicious circle of revenge," Zhai said, according to the statement, which mentioned neither Israel nor Hamas. China has so far maintained good relations with Israel, but it has supported the Palestinian cause for decades and traditionally backs a two-state solution.

China said on Thursday it was "deeply disappointed" by the United States' decision to veto a UN Security Council resolution calling for a "humanitarian pause" in the Israel-Hamas conflict.

The United States justified its veto because the text did not mention Israel's right to defend itself.

Chinese President Xi Jinping said it was "crucial to prevent the conflict from expanding or even losing control and causing a serious humanitarian crisis," as he met with Egyptian Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouli in Beijing on Thursday. *AFP*

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Change in Venue or Date, if any will be displayed on our Website www.fedfina.com. All bidders participating will be intimated subsequently with respect to acceptance or rejection of bids submitted by them. Customer who want to release their ornaments shall visit at the base branch wherein the ornaments were pledged by the customer or contact at the number mentioned above on/or before 02-11-2023 subject to the terms and condition applicable.

Auction will be conducted at respective branches, in case the auction does not get completed on the given date due to any reasons, the auction in respect thereto shall be conducted on subsequent working days at district level branch after displaying the details on our Website. No further communication shall be issued in this regard.

Dated : 23-10-2023 For, sd/- Authorised Signatory
Place : Karnataka Fedbank Financial Services Ltd.,

UJVN LIMITED
H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephones: 0135-2763808, Fax- 0135- 2763508
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvnl.com

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e-Tender Notice

Office of the EE (Solar), "Ujjwal" Maharani Bagh, G.M.S Road, UJVN Ltd, Dehradun, invites Online tariff based competitive bids (RfP) from interested parties. Summary of bid (RfP) document are given below:
Bid Identification Nos.: (i) T-03/EE(Solar)/2023-24
(ii) T-04/EE(Solar)/2023-24 (iii) T-05/EE(Solar)/2023-24
(iv) T-06/EE(Solar)/2023-24

Name of the Work:
(i) Setting-up of 7.75 MW Ground Mounted Grid Connected Solar PV Plants at Aungi near Maneri, District- Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand.
(ii) Setting-up of 4.0 MW Ground Mounted Grid Connected Solar PV Plants near Bhatwari District- Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand
(iii) Setting-up of 4.0 MW Ground Mounted Grid Connected Solar PV Plants near Dharasu HEP Chinyalisaur District- Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand.
(iv) Setting-up of 1.5 MW Ground Mounted Grid Connected Solar PV Plants at Gaddha Colony, Hathiyari near Vyasi HEP District- Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

Date for availability of bid document on the portal : 30-10-2023 upto 16:00 Hrs.
Last Date /Time of Receipt of bid on the portal : 28-11-2023 till 16:00 Hrs.
Detail of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancelation etc. may be obtained from the website.
Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal http://uktenders.gov.in.

Executive Engineer (Solar)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that, my clients, (1) Sri. **SAMIDIBYOINA VINOD KUMAR,** S/o Sri. Samidiboyina Ramanaiah and (2) Sri. **SAMIDIBYOINA NAVEEN KUMAR,** S/o Sri. Samidiboyina Ramanaiah both are residing at No.508, B-Block, SMD Alteez, Jr.College Road, Belathui Colony, Kadugodi, Bengaluru 560067, are intending to purchase the property mentioned in the schedule hereunder from its owners (1) Sri. VENKATESH S/o late Muniswamappa, (2) Smt. Rukmani, D/o Sri.Venkatesh, (3) Smt. SUNANDAMMA, W/o Sri.Venkatesh, and Sri.Mohan.V, S/o Sri.Venkatesh, all are residing at No.109, 8th Cross, Ambedkar Nagar, Pattandur Agrahara, Whitefield Post, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore 560066.

Any person having any right in or title to or claim against the schedule property or having any objection of whatsoever nature may, within **10 (ten) days** hereof, lodge with the undersigned, their claim in this behalf together with the relevant documentary proof in support of such right, title, interest or claim or objection. If no such objection or claim is received within the above period, my client will presume that, no person has any such claim.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

SCHEDULE PROPERTY ITEM No. 1:-
All that piece and parcel of the SOUTHERN PORTION of Property bearing Old Site No.276, New Site No. 109, Property No.42, Situated at Ambedkar Nagar, Pattandur Agrahara, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently comes under BBMP limits, Measuring East to West: 25 Feet and North to South: 25 Feet, in all measuring 625 Square Feet, and bounded on: **East by:** 5 Feet Passage left in same Site number; **West by:** Site No.277 (108); **North by:** Item No.2 property belongs to Sunandamma; **South by** : Site No.261.

ITEM No. 2:- All that piece and parcel of the NORTHERN PORTION of Property bearing Old Site No.276, New Site No.109, Property No.42, Situated at Ambedkar Nagar, Pattandur Agrahara, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently comes under BBMP limits, Measuring East to West: 25 Feet and North to South: 25 Feet, in all measuring 625 Square Feet, and bounded on: **East by** : 5 Feet Passage left in same Site number; **West by:** Site No.277 (108); **North by:** Road; **South by:** Item No. 1 property belongs to Venkatesh & Rukmani

COMPOSITE SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Old Site No.276, New Site No.109, Property No.42, Situated at Ambedkar Nagar, Pattandur Agrahara, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently comes under BBMP limits, Measuring East to West: 30 Feet and North to South: 50 Feet, in all measuring 1500 Square Feet, and bounded on: **East by:** Site No.275 (110); **West by:** Site No.277 (108); **North by** : Road; **South by** : Site No.261.

Bengaluru, Dated 22.10.2023
M. RAMU, Advocate
No.3, 1st Floor, Immadihalli Main Road,
Vinayaka Layout, Whitefield, Bengaluru 560066.
Mob: 9740406899

CORRIGENDUM

In connection with the Public Notice for Sale of Immovable Property bearing **BDA No.460, Municipal No 460/21, situated at 7th Cross 1st Stage, 2nd Phase Gokul, Mathikere, Bengaluru,** owned by the borrowers **Shri DR Ramesh and Kishore Kumar DR** published in The New Indian Express and Kannada Prabha on **23.09.2023**, it is to bring to Notice of the Public that the auction for sale of property is hereby cancelled.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
IDBI Bank Limited, Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that my client or his nominees have intended to purchase the residential premises bearing No.30/13, PID No. 77-104-13, Municipal No.13, Kumar cot Layout, Bangalore-560001, (1st cross, Kumara Krupa Road), measuring 2960 sq.ft under the jurisdiction of BBMP, with all present and future superstructure thereon from Smt. Jayalaxmi Godavarthi w/o Srinivas Raju, D/o Late. Smt. Sheela Bai, R/at: Dalhousie 2D, Mythas Hill County, Bachpalli, Nizampet Road, Hyderabad -500090, Telangana State, which is morefully described in the schedule hereunder.

It is brought to the notice of the general public that any objections and claims of whatsoever nature for or against such purchase shall be addressed to the office of the counsel mentioned below within a period of **10 days** from the date of publication of this notice and in the absence of such objections and claims, my client will proceed to purchase the Schedule Property. Any such objections or claims received beyond the stipulated time from the day of this notice will not be either considered or deemed to have been a valid claim under law.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of land together with super structure, fittings and fixtures now standing thereon being the residential premises bearing No.30/13, PID No. 77-104-13, Municipal No.13, Kumar cot Layout, Bangalore-560 001, (1st Cross, Kumara Krupa Road), measuring 2960 sq.ft under the jurisdiction of BBMP, with all present and future superstructure thereon and is bounded on:
East by : 30 feet New Road; **West by :** Site No.31 and 42; **North by :** Site No.43; **South by :** Site No.29 in Division No.44.

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PETROLEUM AND EXPLOSIVES SAFETY ORGANISATION (PESO)

PUBLIC NOTICE

It has been brought to the notice to the Government that fireworks of foreign origin have been illegally imported into India under false declarations in the past. It is hereby informed that fireworks in India have been declared as restricted item under ITC (HS) in respect of import. Till date, no licence for import of fireworks has been granted for possession and / or sale under the Explosives Rules, 2008 by Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation.

The smuggled fireworks of foreign origin include the chemical 'Potassium Chlorate', which is a dangerous and hazardous chemical and can ignite or explode spontaneously. The fireworks can cause severe accidents and endanger lives in addition to posing a host of environmental and health issues to the country.

In the interest of safety and security of human lives and property, general public and stakeholders are requested to report the information about possession and /or sale of such fireworks to the nearest Police Station or District Authorities for suitable action.

Chief Controller of Explosives

CBC 05209/11/0001/2324

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagors have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**, by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset**, whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand notice** calling upon the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	1) Mr. Srinath N, Prop. of M/s. Srinath Auto Driver, Also at: M/s. Srinath Auto Driver, 2) Mrs. Pushpa S	Loan Account No. 33879440000393 33879410000065 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/- Rs.4,89,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.69, Property No.69, Khatha No.69/69, PID Khatha No.150200201800600165 measuring East to West 9.144 meter (30 ft and North to South 9.144 meter (30 ft total measuring 83.612 Sq.meter (900 sq.ft.) situated at Madhugiri Village, Shivakote Grama Panchayath, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk and **Bounded on: East by:** Site No.70, **West by:** Site No.68, **North by:** Road & **South by:** Site No.74.	Date of NPA: 01-09-2023 Demand Notice Date: 20-10-2023	Rs.9,90,279.2 (Rupees Nine Lakh Ninety Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Nine and Two Paisa Only) due as on 16-10-2023
2	1) Mr. Mahesh N, Proprietor of M/s. Sri Sai Tours and Travels, Also at: M/s. Sri Sai Tours and Travels, 2) Mrs. Jayalakshmamma J, 3) Mrs. Yogitha M	Loan Account No. 46659440000175 Loan Amount: Rs.2,50,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** Property bearing Sy.No.59/2, Situated at Mangasandra Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and **Bounded by the: On the East:** Property belongs to Hussainsabi & Subramani, **On the West:** 4 feet two way Road, **On the North:** My own property & **On the South:** Property belongs to Nazeer Ahammed. Measuring East to West: (37+22)/2 Feet, and North to South: (15+10)/2 Feet or ¾ Gungtas.	Date of NPA: 01-10-2021 Demand Notice Date: 20-10-2023	Rs.2,35,270.55 (Rupees Two Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Two Hundred Seventy and Fifty Five Paisa Only) due as on 16-10-2023
3	1) Ms. Sunanda R, 2) Mrs. Mallamma, 3) Mr. Shantharaju R	Loan Account No. 47059630000275 Loan Amount: Rs.4,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing E-Khatha No.152900204300620385, Khaneshumari No.285/911/192/1/209/1, Measuring East to West 21.336 Meter and North to South 4.2672 meter situated at Road Jakkasandra Village, Cheelaru Grama Panchayat, Maralwadi Hobli, Kanakpura Taluk and **Bounded on: East by:** House belongs to Thimmaiah, **West by:** Same property belongs to Mutturaju, **North by:** Property belongs to Venkatrama, **South by:** Road.	Date of NPA: 30-09-2023 Demand Notice Date: 20-10-2023	Rs.3,50,173.00 (Rupees Three Lakh Fifty Thousand One Hundred Seventy Three Only) due as on 16-10-2023

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 23.10.2023, Place: Bangalore & Bangalore Rural Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

₹5,700 cr have been infused by foreign portfolio investors into the debt market so far in October.

Festive season starts with a bang, momentum to remain strong

Consumers have hiked their spends this festive season as reports suggest that spending may peak across sectors including automobiles and electronic goods

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

FROM small buys such as apparel and sweets to making once-in-a-lifetime purchases, consumers are not holding back this festive season. According to Redseer, the first week of the 2023 Festive season sale, which concluded on October 15, saw online platforms clocking a gross merchandise value (GMV) of ₹47,000 crore, growing at 19% over the first week of the 2022 Festive season sale.

Now that the season is heading towards the end of Navratri and with Dhanteras and Diwali coming soon, there is increased buoyancy in the market that consumer spending may peak this season and various sectors of the economy may register their best ever festive season. "I think the mood is set. The initial trend is very good. Dealers are ready with stocks unlike last year when semi-conductor shortage led to a huge waiting period," FADA President Manish Raj Singhania told this newspaper when asked what the auto sector is expecting this festive season. In the 42-day festive period of CY2022, passenger vehicle (PV) sales grew by 34% to 4.56 lakh units. Two-wheeler sales also registered a good growth of 26% last year at 21.56 lakh units.

"We have predicted a single-digit growth for the PV segment this financial year and till now that is what is happening," said Singhania. PV sales in September 2023 grew by 19.03% YoY at 332,248 units. On 2W sales, Singhania said that despite most months in FY24 not registering a growth, sales picked up in September and they expect to register a growth this festive season over last year. Besides attractive finance schemes, original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) and dealers are offering a discount of 5-10% on the purchase value of many hatchbacks, sedans and entry-level cars. There is not much discount on SUVs, especially on the top-end variants. One can expect a discount of 4-5% on two-wheelers as well. In the last few weeks, carmakers such as Skoda, Honda, Citroen, and Maruti Suzuki have rolled out various festive season offers. According to industry estimates, car dealerships across India are offering discounts ranging from ₹25,000 to more than ₹1 lakh on various models.

FESTIVE FERVOUR

- ₹47,000 CR of GMV clocked in Week 1 of 2023 festive sale, according to Redseer
- Mobiles, electronics and large appliances drove **67%** of GMV
- PV sales in September 2023 grew by **19.03%** YoY at **332,248** units
- 9M 2023 saw total housing sales of over **3.49** lakh units across top **7** cities
- IN THE 42-DAY FESTIVE PERIOD OF CY2022, PASSENGER VEHICLE SALES GREW BY **34%** TO **4.56** LAKH UNITS
- Meesho saw record **1.6** crore new app installs during its blockbuster sale

Surge in housing sales

Speaking on the demand in the housing sector, which has been hitting new highs every passing quarter, Anuj Puri, Chairman of ANAROCK Group, said as things stand now, they expect a surge in both new launches and housing sales this festive season because despite all domestic and global headwinds in the first nine months of 2023, there was a significant surge in residential demand with housing sales creating a new peak. As per ANAROCK Research, last year in the festive quarter of October to December, it saw as many as 93,000 units launched across the top 7 cities. Puri expects at least 10-15% yearly growth this year which means it will again be above 1 lakh units.

"If we consider the trends in the first nine months of 2023, housing sales reached a new peak and were all-time high. To put in numbers, as per ANAROCK Research, 9M 2023 saw total housing sales of over 3.49 lakh units across the top 7 cities which is 96% of the total sales recorded in 2022 despite rise in both interest rates and housing prices. We expect this trend to continue during the festive season as well," he said. A few developers speaking to this newspaper said that they are not offering heavy discounts or freebies this season as demand is very strong. They are expecting high action in the premium segment, especially units priced at ₹2 crore or more.

Electronic items high in demand

Electronic items, especially smartphones, are also expected to remain in high demand this festive season. According to Counterpoint Research, the festive season smartphone sales this year will grow 7% y-o-y in terms of volumes while the average selling price (ASP) will grow 15% y-o-y. Data by Counterpoint showed that iPhone sales crossed the 1.5 million units mark for the first time ever in the initial week (October 8-15) of festive season sales by e-commerce giants Amazon and Flipkart. Among other sectors, gold, paint, apparel, shoes, sweets, snacks and the tourism industry are expecting a robust festive season. This festive season, corporate gifting is also seeing huge traction. "The nature of corporate gifting has evolved over the years and a key trend we are witnessing is that it is getting digitised very quickly and moving from physical form to digital form. Companies are increasingly choosing gift cards and gift vouchers as a means to reward and recognise internal stakeholders such as employees and external stakeholders such as suppliers, dealers, and channel partners," Akash Hegde, co-founder, ShakeDeal told TNIE.

MONEY MATTERS

WHY 'GETTING RICH SLOW' MATTERS

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

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THIS column has often quoted Warren Buffett's philosophy on wealth creation. It is time to remind you of that anecdote again. When asked about people not using his investment style, Buffett said nobody likes to get rich slowly. Jeff Bezos, the founder of retail giant Amazon, asked him the question.

The latest data on the trading activity triggers this note of caution. Many of you who are into investing are using derivatives like futures and options. In a recent conference call, Angel One, a listed stockbroker, told analysts that F&O continues to drive gross broking revenue, contributing 85% in the second quarter of 2023-24. The cash segment contributed only 11%. That means most clients prefer speculative transactions in the derivatives market over long-term investment transactions.

When you say 'you invest' in the stock market, it does not mean daily trading in stocks or derivatives. It means buying and holding to that investment for a long time and letting it grow. Warren Buffett has created wealth for himself and his shareholders by choosing fundamentally solid companies and staying with those investments. He has also advised individuals not into finance to regularly invest in a simple index fund and stay invested for a long time to create wealth.

If you understand the stock-broking business, you will know that their profits do not depend on whether you make money or do not make money. They generate revenue with every trade that you make. It is also not a problem trading in derivatives when you know the risks associated with trading in the stock market. If you are in it for the adrenalin rush and willing to sustain losses, the decision is yours. However, if you want to create wealth for yourself and secure your financial future, you need to pause. There are many things you can do and not do in the stock market.

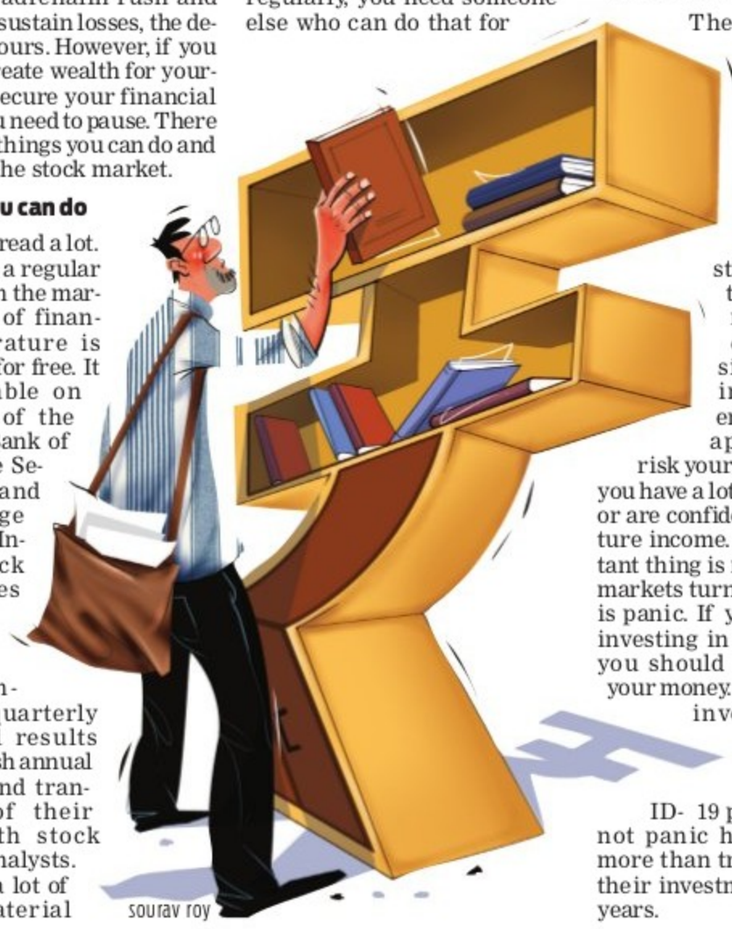
Things you can do

You must read a lot. If you are a regular investor in the market, a lot of financial literature is available for free. It is available on websites of the Reserve Bank of India, the Securities and Exchange Board of India, stock exchanges and the press. Companies announce quarterly financial results and publish annual reports and transcripts of their calls with stock market analysts. There is a lot of other material your stockbroker may send out. You need to keep on top of significant developments that affect your investments. Anything that affects the future profit of companies affects share prices. That includes the inflation trend. It influences interest rates that hurt equity asset prices.

If you are new to investing, you must work with a professional financial advisor. So, if it is not possible for you to read regularly, you need someone else who can do that for you. A fundamental thing to know is that equity investing is about giving your investment the time to grow. You can actively do it by buying and selling shares of fundamentally strong companies. The other option is to remain a passive investor by owning a combination of index funds and mutual funds. Your financial advisor can help make an appropriate asset allocation.

Things not to do

The most important thing to not do is invest in something you do not know. Just because someone else made some quick money in low-priced but risky stocks or derivatives, you should not jump. There could be downsides to such investing due to differences in the risk appetite. You can risk your money only when you have a lot of it in your bank or are confident about your future income. The other important thing is not to panic when markets turn volatile, or there is panic. If you know you are investing in solid companies, you should never withdraw your money. Those who stayed invested after the crash in the stock market during the COVID- 19 pandemic and did not panic have managed to more than triple the value of their investment in just three years.



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MONEY-WISE

DO NOT BLAME YOUR MONTHLY BILLS

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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MY parents always managed to make ends meet, even though my mother was a stay-at-home mom and my father worked in a factory! Neither my sibling nor I did things like tuition and that kind of income supplementing stuff.

Virtually every family I know either has both parents working full time or one of the partners earning a really huge income – surely upwards of 100 times what their fathers made! The idea that one parent can work a typical factory / bank / government job while the other parent stays at home is a historic idea. Very rarely do you find somebody who can lead a simple life!

Obviously, there cannot be just one reason that has caused this change. People will point to inflation – how things were cheap in the 1970s and even in the 1980s. They will tell you about the increasing cost of petrol, housing, food grains and housing prices that have gone up since the 1970s without a similar increase in wages. Others will point to food prices or the cost of education. Actually, in the 1970s too you had movies complaining about inflation. Today's movies do not – the hero and heroine seem to be from a different planet with different problems.

The change is in the number of bills – and the amount per bill – that a 'normal' family has. My parents, for example, had their mortgage payment, electricity, and phone service. There was of course the newspaper, and the 'society charges' which included the mortgage. That was all. We had an antenna on our roof to watch television. Entertainment was restricted to an occasional movie – twice a year in our case, a little more frequently for some cousins. We would eat out on birthdays – however, that was not 'obligatory'. An annual vacation meant a stay at a cousin's place. It was ok to share bathrooms.

Compare this to our situation. We now have many more bills – education loans, personal loans, wedding loan, mortgage, life insurance, pension plan, cable, mobile phone, net... This is a guess – but I think every 5 years we add one item of expense which we did not know existed, but after 5 years wonder 'how could mankind live without this'! This adds up to thousands of rupees a month for services that my parents simply didn't have or need. We have it as a habit. What can be done about this? The first thing to look at is whether or not these bills are actually required, or if they just seem to be.

Do we need internet access at home? Do we need cable? Not really - we could spend more family time. My neighbour lives without cable. Do we need a cell phone? In Indian conditions it is cheaper than a landline phone. How much does ₹40 a day for 30 years become in an index fund. Well about ₹200 million (₹2 crore). Not bad, right?

What does this mean for us?

Well, we have chosen our lifestyles, let us not crib about it. Having made our choices, we should not blame our bills! If you get stuck with bills, sit back and relax. See what expenses have been committed in a weak movement and you are pretending that you cannot live without it. If you did not know where your next meal would come from, would you still have it? What would your parents have done in similar circumstances?

Control your actions, the reactions are not in your control. – Bhagavad Gita.

Govt may infuse capital in PSU general insurers in Q4

PTI @ New Delhi

FINANCE Ministry would consider capital infusion in three loss-making public sector general insurance companies based on their financial performance of nine months.

The infusion if required would be made in the fourth quarter of the current financial year, sources said.

According to sources, the finance ministry last year asked three insurers -- National Insurance Company Limited, Oriental Insurance Company Limited and United India Insurance Company -- to chase bottomlines rather than topline and underwrite only good proposals.

The financial review would give some idea about the impact of restructuring initiated on the profitability numbers and the solvency margin, sources said.

The solvency margin is the extra capital the companies must hold over and above the claim amounts they are likely to incur. It acts as a financial backup in extreme situations, enabling the company to settle all claims.

The government last year provided ₹5,000 crore capital to three insurers. Kolkata-based National Insurance Company Limited was given the highest, ₹3,700 crore, followed by Delhi-based Oriental Insurance Company Limited (₹1,200 crore) and Chennai-based United India Insurance Company (₹100 crore). According to sources, these companies have been asked to improve their solvency ratio and meet the regulatory requirement of 150%.

US emerges as India's biggest trading partner

PTI @ New Delhi

THE US has emerged as India's biggest trading partner during the first half of the current financial year despite global economic uncertainties and declining exports and imports, according to government data.

According to the provisional data of the commerce ministry, the bilateral trade between India and the US has declined by 11.3% to $59.67 billion during April-September 2023 against $67.28 billion in the same period last year.

Exports to the US have come down to $38.28 billion during April-September 2023 from $ 41.49 billion a year ago.

Imports also declined to $21.39 billion during the first six months of the current fiscal compared to $25.79 billion in the same period last year.

Similarly, the two-way trade between India and China also dipped by 3.56% to $58.11 billion.

'AOs to determine biz activities of charitable trusts'

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

IN an effort to address the ambiguity surrounding the tax liability of charitable organisations that generate income beyond donations, Nitin Gupta, Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes, said that clarity has been established following a significant Supreme Court decision in the Ahmedabad Urban Development Authority case last year. Gupta in an interaction with this paper said that assessing officers will determine whether the business component of such organisations is considered normal or abnormal, thereby determining their tax liability.

"The certainty is already there because of the SC decision. That is the rule of the country now. They will have to pay taxes on the business component. The decision says that whether the business is normal or abnormal, it will be decided by the assessing officer. Accordingly, tax will be charged," Gupta said.

The Supreme Court ruling, which came into effect in 2022, marked a turning point in the understanding of tax obligations for charitable organisations. They play a crucial role in society, but their ability to carry out sustainable activities and scale up operations is often hindered by financial uncertainties. While grants and donations serve as the lifeblood of charities, securing them can be a challenging and unpredictable task. To address this issue, many organisations consider generating funds through their activities. However, the permissibility of earning fee-based or commercial income remains a subject of monumental ambiguity.

According to experts, income-tax exemption for charitable organisations must be examined in relation to the activities they undertake. Charities engaged in objects of general public utility (GPU) face limitations, allowing them to raise non-grant income only up to 20% of their total receipts. This effectively forces GPU charities to rely heavily on donations to develop their initiatives. In the 2022 ruling, the Supreme Court emphasised that even within the 20% limit, revenue should be earned on a cost-to-cost basis, with marginal profits at best.

For years, charities have relied on the plough-back theory, arguing that any fee or revenue-based receipts are ultimately used for charitable purposes and should not be viewed negatively by Tax Authorities. However, the Supreme Court ruling rejected the plough-back theory, asserting that once commercial income is earned, the charitable character of the organisation could be compromised. According to the court, the utilization of commercial income does not impact its relevance.

"In light of the present times and recognising the contribution of the charitable organisations for betterment of the society, it is expected that clarity on fee-based income earned by charitable organisations is provided, so that charities get adequate breather to build and scale-up their operations," Chetan Daga, who is a chartered accountant and founder of AdvantEdge Consulting said.

"It is true that certain elements have misused the income-tax exemption by carrying out commercial activities in the garb of charitable activities, however, it is hoped that the Revenue identifies such Black Sheep rather than treating the entire flock of sheep "Black"!," he added.

'Eng need to get their decision-making right'

Former skipper Nasser Hussain feels reliance on statistics rather than reading the conditions has led to England's downfall in the ongoing World Cup. "England keep getting their decisions wrong. We got the toss and the balance of the side was wrong. The three changes in the squad moved England completely away from how they have been playing for years," Hussain said.

When I grew up, I opened the batting so for me, I enjoy batting a lot. I'm not as pleasing on the eye like the other guys, but I love batting and I try to work very hard on it.

—Marco Jansen, South Africa all-rounder

SHAMI INITIATOR, KOHLI FINISHER

Returning pacer takes 5 wkts before familiar face guides India home

GOMESH S @ Dharamsala

IN the end, it was a contest that lived up to the hype. From Daryl Mitchell's success story to Mohammed Shami's dream return to the playing XI to Mitchell Santner's stellar spell to Black Caps fielders throwing themselves on the field to the anticlimactic end to Virat Kohli's quest of equalling Sachin Tendulkar's record of 49 ODI 100s, the contest had it all. The end result — the hosts winning with four wickets and 12 balls to spare to leapfrog their opponents to top the table — became academic once Kohli got stuck in with Ravindra Jadeja.

While it was India's fifth win in as many matches, this one did not come easy. Chasing 274, Sharma and Shubman Gill did set the tone, but they did not last long. The inspired New Zealand bowling attack just kept pegging away with wickets. First it was Sharma, then Gill.

Just when Kohli was getting started, along with Shreyas Iyer, something else happened; play was stopped because of fog. The clouds were slowly coming over the venue in the evening and during the eighth over of the chase, the umpires took the players off the field. Unlike most other stadias, the floodlights at Dharamsala are relatively at a lower height because of the altitude. And with the dispersion of light through the mist adding to the haze, it went to an extent where Shreyas and Kohli could have had trouble seeing the white ball. After a 11-minute stoppage, play resumed.

Kohli, coming on the back of a match-winning century against Bangladesh, once again started of with some glorious shots against Lockie Ferguson. However, as it is always the case, New Zealand did not give an inch. They removed Shreyas as the compulsive puller found deep square leg, Devon Conway. Joined by KL Rahul, Kohli did what he does best. He nudged a single here and a two there to keep the chase going. Knowing the template he follows, Tom Latham's brigade were throwing themselves on the field to ensure they were building up at least a notional sense of pressure.

It seemed to work; at one point, Kohli was batting on 28 from 47 balls. As is often the case, he caught up going after Ravindra to hit the all-rounder over the ropes. A drive here and pull there would follow to pick up boundaries. Between some glorious shots, Kohli also had the odd scare. What made it even more difficult for him was KL Rahul getting out at the wrong time.

It was only after they needed 19 runs from four overs did Kohli go for his shots. He was on 82 and had to score 18 to get to the record-equalling ODI ton. Kohli smashed Trent Boult into the stands and followed it with another four down the ground. A single and a two followed as he retained strike. Sensing another 100, he went for a Hollywood ending but holed out in the deep off Matt Henry when he was on 95. Jadeja did the rest to take India home. Before all this, there was Shami. Among fast bowlers with more than 100 ODI wickets, only Mitchell Starc (26.2) has a marginally better strike rate than Shami (27). Getting the chance in Pandya's absence, Shami did not take much long to show why he is world class.

Shami ran in and released the ball with his signature upright seam. It pitched on short of length outside off-stump before coming back into Will Young, who tried to play it off the square only to edge the ball back on to the stumps;a first-ball wicket for Shami in his home World Cup. Even as Ravindra and Mitchell revived the innings, it was Shami who broke the partnership as Ravindra tried to hit the pacer down the ground. In the death overs, Shami came back again to clean up Mitchell Santner's off-stump and followed it up with a full, straight delivery that beat Matt Henry for pace. Shami became the first Indian to take two five-wicket hauls in ODI WCs as he dismissed Mitchell and Boult in the final over of the innings. Ten overs, 54 runs, five wickets and a place in the history books.

India's Mohammed Shami celebrates after taking the wicket of New Zealand's Daryl Mitchell at the HPCA Stadium in Dharamsala on Sunday | AFP

WHERE THEY STAND...

Team	MP	Won	Pts	NRR
India	5	5	10	+1.35
New Zealand	5	4	8	+1.48
South Africa	4	3	6	+2.21
Australia	4	2	4	-0.19
Pakistan	4	2	4	-0.45
Bangladesh	4	1	2	-0.78
Netherlands	4	1	2	-0.79
Sri Lanka	4	1	2	-1.04
England	4	1	2	-1.24
Afghanistan	4	1	2	-1.25

BRIEF SCORES: New Zealand 273 in 50 ovs (Mitchell 130, Ravindra 75; Shami 5/54, Kuldeep 2/73) lost to India 274/6 in 48 ovs (Rohit 46, Kohli 95, Shreyas 33, Jadeja 39 n.o; Ferguson 2/63).

Mitchell: NZ's batting lodestar

GOMESH S @ Dharamsala

"THUD". One could hear the sound inside the media centre at the HPCA Stadium in Dharamsala. Daryl Mitchell had just stepped out and hit Kuldeep Yadav onto the roof of the North Pavilion Stand. It might not have been as massive as the memorable MS Dhoni six at this venue during the 2010 IPL, but it sure was a sight to behold.

After losing two early wickets, Rachin Ravindra and Mitchell had revived the innings. And the latter had already decided to take the attack to Kuldeep. In a five-man bowling attack, the pair had decided to target the left-arm spinner who has been notoriously hard to hit off late.

After realising there wasn't too much turn on offer, Ravindra took him downtown. Three balls into Kuldeep's second over, Mitchell followed suit, depositing one over long-on.

A statement had been made. 2-0-23-0 became 2.2-0-29-0 thanks to the one Mitchell hit onto the roof. It seemed like Mitchell's mindset was 'Kuldeep is your best bowler? Never mind, I'll go after him and disrupt your plans.'

What helped him was how much he was reading the wrist spinner off his hand. He was playing on the front foot without any hesitation and used his feet to loft the spinner who was tossing it up on the middle-and-leg line from over the wicket. Such was the devastating effect of Mitchell that Kuldeep, when he came back for his second spell, was pushing it flatter, faster only to be hit across the park by the batter.

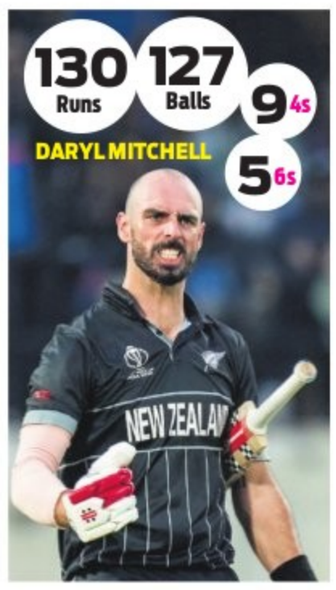
Watching the 32-year-old bat on Sunday at one of the most picturesque grounds in the world was a thing of beauty. To say that he was keeping it simple and playing to his strengths would not do justice. Coming into bat at 19/2, he would stand at the square of the crease before every ball. That is where his process begins. He would adjust his thigh pad, helmet before walking towards the crease. He would check his grip. Place the right leg on leg stump, left leg cleared and then look up to see if the bowler is at the top of the run-up. All set. Move the left leg to a regular stance, look down, tap, tap, look up, wave his bat in his tight backlift, shuffle across and play the ball on its merits. Go back to the square and do it all over again.

Sometimes he would wait till the last moment to defend Jasprit Bumrah's slow off-cutter, which he read from the hands, under his eyes. Sometimes, he would step out to Ravindra Jadeja and Kuldeep and hit them downtown. Then, there were occasions where he stood two feet outside the crease and went deep to line up Bumrah and Mohammed Shami. He was picking his balls and battles. Just like he has all through his career. He defended, nudged, ran, smashed, and did so while sticking to his strengths. That 46 per cent of the 127 balls he faced — to score the 130 runs he did to push the Black Caps past the 270 mark — were dot balls summed it up.

In a side shorn off Kane Williamson and after the early departure of Devon Conway, it was imperative their No. 4 stepped up. In a sense, he is their batting lodestar without their regular skipper. And as he has often done in the recent past, he once again put his hands up.

Even if he's been called a late bloomer in the international stage (he made his T20I debut at 28 before becoming an all-format middle-order specialist over the last 18 months or so), he's making up for lost time.

He was the star in the semifinal of the 2021 T20 World Cup, and has scored 268 runs in four innings in the ongoing World Cup. Having been on the heartbreaking end of the T20 WC campaign two years ago, he knows what is at stake in India. "I never really thought I was a late bloomer, it is just my time to represent my country. This is just part of my journey," he told in a video shared by the ICC.



Daryl Mitchell celebrates after reaching his century on Sunday | AP

Cricket's newest rivalry

Neighbours, Afghanistan and Pakistan, have played out some tenacious matches across both white-ball formats in the recent past. Monday promises to be another tense affair. A look...

THE SURFACE

After putting the runs on the board, the Afghans with their troika of spinners rolled England over. The strip at Chepauk tends to bring the spinners into play as was the case against India vs Australia. If it's similar, expect the slow bowlers from sides to come into the game earlier.

GURBAZ VS PAK NEW-BALL BOWLERS

Whenever Rahmanullah Gurbaz plays well, Afghanistan tend to go big with the bat. In August, he made 151 against the same bowling unit. With Pakistan pacers down on pace as well as wicket-taking ability with the new ball, this could be a key battle.

RIZWAN, IFTIKHAR VS AFGHAN SPINNERS

While Babar Azam continues to battle a loss of form, Mohammad Rizwan has excelled with the bat. The onus will be on him to tackle the spinners in the middle-overs. Iftikhar Ahmed, who has not made many and who doesn't like spin, will also be in focus.

TODAY'S GAME: AFGHANISTAN VS PAKISTAN, CHENNAI 2.00 PM

Live on Star Sports Network/Hotstar

'Pakistan will be a new team against Afghanistan'

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @ Chennai

RIGHT from the time of Hanif Mohammed to Babar Azam, cricketers from Pakistan have been having a great fan following in India, in particular Chennai. Asif Iqbal's Pakistan team in 1979 and the subsequent ones led by Imran Khan, Ramiz Raja, and Wasim Akram to name a few have all done well at Chepauk. Fans have supported Pakistan and have enjoyed a good contest. The standing ovation that the Pakistan team got at the venue after their Test win in 1999 is still green everyone's memory. The Babar Azam-led side, which will meet Afghanistan in a crucial World Cup tie on Monday, will draw inspiration from the past and do well.

"Obviously, when we came to Hyderabad, we were getting very good (crowd) support and Chennai has been a good place for Pakistan historically and getting good support is obviously an inspiration for us," said Imam-ul-Haq.

Captain Babar Azam's form has come under the scanner as Pakistan will face another tough challenge. In what is expected to be a a spin-friendly surface at Chepauk, Imam is confident that Pakistan will be able to deal with the spin threat. "We have played four matches and we are 2-2. We accept that we did not play well in the last two matches. We will have to perform up to the mark. You can talk as much as you want, but it matters how you play on the day. You will see a new team on Monday in Chennai," pointed out Imam. The opener said the team is upbeat despite recent setbacks.

"When you have two back-to-back defeats, your morale is definitely down, but that is life and that is cricket. We always have a feeling of positivity in our camp and we have backed everyone. Our players know that we have the ability to win the match on the day," he insisted.

On the other hand, Afghanistan head coach Jonathan Trott too is hopeful that his team can keep their World Cup campaign alive. The former England player insisted that the passionate rivalry between the two teams who are desperate for a win would make it an interesting contest. "I think for them (Afghans), it's a rivalry that excites them. It's a rivalry that sometimes in the past has been very passionate.

"But I'm sure we'll see an exciting game on Monday. It's just the nature of the rivalry. And both teams respect each other but are very desperate to win," said Trott.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Pakistan players during a training session in Chennai on Sunday | P RAVIKUMAR

DID YOU KNOW?

WORLD CUP TRIVIA

India won their first World Cup in 1983. In the previous two editions of the tournament (1975 & 1979), they had won only one match in all.

EXPRESS READ

Shuttler Bornil wins gold, Tanvi bags silver

NEW DELHI: Bornil Aakash Changmai won the second-ever gold medal for India in the U15 boys' singles division while Tanvi Sharma clinched a silver at the Badminton Asia U17 and U15 Junior Championships in Chengdu, China. Bornil beat Fan Hong Xuan of China 21-19, 21-13. Tanvi Sharma lost 17-21, 21-11, 19-21 against Yataweemin Ketklieng of Thailand.

Promising Shelton enjoys first ATP title

TOKYO: American rising star Ben Shelton won his first ATP Tour title on Sunday, beating Russian Aslan Karatsev 7-5, 6-1 in the final of the Japan Open. Shelton only turned pro in August last year but he reached the quarterfinals of the Australian Open in January and the semifinals of the US Open last month. Shelton also beat Karatsev at the US Open.

Sevilla expel fan over racism in Madrid draw

SEVILLE: Sevilla expelled a supporter for "racist and xenophobic behaviour" during their 1-1 draw with Real Madrid in La Liga on Saturday, the club said. Spanish newspaper Marca ran photographs of a man appearing to make monkey gestures in the direction of Real Madrid's Vinicius Junior after he clashed with Sevilla goalkeeper Orjan Nyland.

Diksha finishes sole third as Aline prevails

GURUGRAM: India's Diksha Dagar played some inspiring golf at the Hero Women's Indian Open, but ended up sole third as overnight leader Aline Krauter of Germany overcame an early challenge from Sara Kjellker of Sweden to win her maiden Ladies European Tour title, here. Diksha finished with a card of 70 at 8-under 280 for the tournament to finish third.

Pakistan batters take on spinners at nets with Afghanistan threat in mind

KALYANI MANGALE @ Chennai

IT was all going according to plan. A big opening partnership to put pressure on the opposition, forcing them to make changes. Even if the openers fell in quick succession, their foundation was strong enough for the middle order to pile the runs. But then the spinners took the game away by triggering the collapse. Pakistan have followed a similar script in their last two previous encounters in the World Cup so far. As if the points table calculations were not enough to put pressure on the side, they have a task when they face Afghanistan, a side that has world-class spinners on one of the most spin-friendly tracks in the competition.

"Our start was very good in the last two matches. Our run rate was good in the first 20 to 25 overs. And then we suddenly collapsed," Pakistan opener Imam-ul-Haq told reporters ahead of the clash. From three for 155 to 191 all out against India and four for 232 to 305 all out in Bengaluru while facing the Aussies. In Ahmedabad, Kuldeep Yadav's twin blows rattled the middle order while Ravindra Jadeja made their life hard at the other end. Adam Zampa's big show in Bengaluru first restricted Babar Azam and later stopped the big hitters like Mohammed Rizwan and Iftikhar Ahmed in their tracks to manufacture a win on a flat pitch.

If that crumbling under the pressure generated by spin bowling is the Kryptonite for Pakistan batters, Afghanistan has multiple assets that can take away the game from opponents. Take for example Afghanistan's win against the defending champions England in New Delhi. The spin trio of Mujeeb Ur Rahman, Mohammad Nabi and Rashid Khan took eight wickets between them, while giving away 104 runs in almost half of the overs. "Afghanistan have some brilliant spinners so that was always going to be tough," England captain Jos Buttler had praised the Afghan bowlers. With all of this awareness, Pakistan's top order spent a fair amount of time facing spin variations in the nets on the eve of the match that could potentially seal their fate in this World Cup. Captain Babar Azam, wicketkeeper Rizwan, and Saud Shakeel were seen facing the likes of Usama Mir, Mohammad Nawaz, Iftikhar Ahmed and travelling reserve Abrar Ahmed as well. If that wasn't enough, the Pakistani bowlers also faced a few local spinners, to prepare against the Afghan spin trio.

"Of course, there are good spinners in Afghanistan who can bowl well in the middle overs," Imam added while also focusing on Pakistan's recent record against their neighbours. "But, we have beaten them in Hambantota 3-0 (August 2023). Even there, the conditions were very spin-friendly. So, we will back that and our ability," the opener who scored the most runs for Pakistan in that series in Sri Lanka mentioned.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

United bid farewell to great Bobby Charlton

AGENCIES @ London

MANCHESTER United beat Sheffield United 2-1 on Saturday on an emotionally charged evening as the Premier League giants said a "big goodbye" to club great Bobby Charlton, who died earlier in the day.

Charlton's family announced that the England World Cup winner, who enjoyed a glittering career with United, had "passed peacefully in the early hours of Saturday morning" at the age of 86. Tributes poured in from across the football world, with former United player and England captain David Beckham praising Charlton as a "national hero".

Manchester United's players paid a moving tribute to Charlton before kick-off against bottom club Sheffield in the late game at Bramall Lane. Captain Bruno Fernandes laid a wreath and a picture of the former attacking midfielder was displayed on a giant screen, while the fans chanted Charlton's name during the match. United manager Erik ten Hag praised the fans for their tribute.

Aston Villa's Douglas Luiz celebrates after scoring the opening goal against West Ham on Sunday. He went on to score another goal as Aston Vila won 4-1 | AFP

UPCOMING EXAMINATIONS

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They are a class apart

We take a look at a few B-Schools and state that one conventionality that sets them apart

Masters' Union, Gurugram

One year of industry training is mandatory for all students in their fourth year. So, they can choose any country, sector or company and learn the ropes of entrepreneurship. A student who has a start-up idea and requires time to scale their business can opt to dedicate their year to building it.

NMIMS, Hyderabad

In flipped classroom at Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (NMIMS), students review lecture materials and readings before class, followed by active discussions, problem-solving, and group activities in class.

ISB, Hyderabad

Professor Ramabhadran Thirumalai, Deputy Dean – Academic Programmes, Indian School of Business (ISB) says a unique avenue for learning at ISB includes experiential learning projects from organisations in the government, corporate as well as not-for-profit sectors.

TISS, Mumbai

In Human Resources Management, and Organisation Development, Change and Leadership courses at Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), six fieldwork internships at reputed organisations adds to the experience.

SPOILED FOR CHOICE?

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN NARROW IT DOWN

There are several B-Schools in the country and plenty of entrance exams. Many of these schools boast of exemplary academics. Thus, it becomes difficult for students to navigate through this mountain of information. **Lovely Majumdar** speaks to experts to gain insight into how one can ease this process and achieve their management goals

ABUNDANCE of choices. Uncountable colleges. Growth in career. And the list goes on. These are a few of the many factors that can overwhelm an aspirant of a Master in Business Administration (MBA) degree who is about to embark on a journey that will allow them to hone their skills and eventually, take that leap of faith in their professional life.

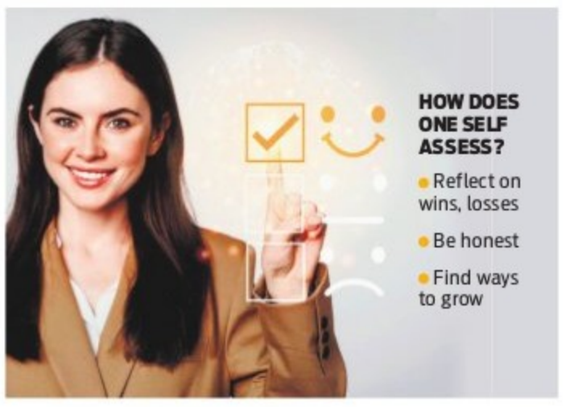
A multitude of options are available, which begins with choosing the right course, the correct exam and the college that students can seek admission into. How should they steer clear of any confusion that might become a reason for dissuasion when it comes to stepping into a lucrative career of manifold returns? How should a student manoeuvre the path filled with choices that are available to them, and not be overwhelmed by it all?

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

EXPERTS ENLIGHTEN PATH AHEAD

LET'S ASSESS ONESELF

"Students should always take a disciplined approach so that they will not be overwhelmed by the abundance of options," says Dr MH Sharieff, Professor of Practice, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University), CMS Business School. To have a disciplined approach regarding what would suit best requires meticulous planning. Not only that, students must also set their priorities straight and not budge from them. Setting academic and professional goals upfront will further help the students to focus on select alternatives and save themselves from an excess of information that might harm them rather than help them



HOW DOES ONE SELF ASSESS?

- Reflect on wins, losses
- Be honest
- Find ways to grow

LOOK HARD AND RESEARCH

"Research and look for MBA programmes and specialisations, and also understand the curriculum, the faculty and the opportunities they offer," said Nirvan Gandhi, the Founder of Applicant X, an MBA consulting firm. When it comes to awareness of different MBA specialisations, the CMS Business School professor says, "Students can consider a specialised MBA in petroleum, energy, and so on, in India and abroad. Institutes have separate entrance exams that students might miss due to lack of awareness"

START NETWORKING

Ignorance is not considered to be bliss when it comes to applying for MBA colleges. Sometimes, it leads to students not having a clear objective, says Dr Sharieff. In addition to this, he says that students must attend orientation by experts and talk to current students. Nirvan Gandhi encourages students to reach out to the alumni of the institution who can provide them with an understanding of what to expect. He advises them to inquire about career services offered by different programmes

Q&A
What is networking?
Interactions that widen one's circle which can then be leveraged for information or tasks
What are best ways to network?
● Visit conferences, conclaves and seminars; talk to people there
● LinkedIn is a very good tool, make connections
● Be a part of groups, associations and so on

ORGANISE INFORMATION WELL

ONE of the most pertinent and ignored aspects of planning for a career is organisation of information after research. A piece of advice that Nirvan Gandhi disseminates to students is asking them to maintain a spreadsheet with details of each programme with application deadlines, requirements, preparation strategy and pros and cons, which, later on, allows them to draw comparisons objectively

CONSIDER GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

WHEN it comes to applying for a college, experts opine that one must consider geographical location and the kind of recruiters who prefer graduates from that specific institute. "Post MBA, if one is aiming to work for a major bank (investment banking/bulge bracket or boutique), they must not discount Chicago Booth or institutes in New York City. Similarly, major Indian and foreign banks prefer graduates from Indian Institutes of Management, and many corporates select students from Tier-II institutes," experts say

CHECK YOUR WALLET

STUDENTS should consider the cost of the tuition and scholarships before applying for the programme. To have a seamless time while pursuing the degree, students must evaluate the cost of the programme and the availability of grants or assistantships, says the Applicant X founder. "Determine what you can and cannot afford and what will be the potential return on the monetary investment," emphasises Nirvan Gandhi

INSTITUTE OF RURAL MANAGEMENT ANAND EXAM

Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA) is a legacy institute. "For the last 43 years, its commitment to nurture rural management professionals who could contribute to the growth story of the nation, has remained steadfast," says Dr Umakant Dash, Director, IRMA. He shares more about the exam here

HOW HAS THE EXAM EVOLVED?

The selection test has evolved from a standalone qualifying examination to one that tests the aspirants on the basis of their understanding of the current rural scenarios and their ability to articulate their thoughts.

HOW IS THIS EXAM DIFFERENT FROM CAT?

CAT tests aspirants across multiple levels, while IRMA also seeks to understand their ability to analyse real-life scenarios that affect rural India as well as their ability to express themselves while writing.

WHAT KIND OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT STUDENTS?

Since IRMAns specialise in Rural Management, opportunities in sectors such as Corporate Social Responsibility, Social Business, and Development are available to them.

February 2024
Exam will be held

- Be aware of the latest news in rural management
- Thoroughly read about IRMA
- Practice writing on topics like rural management and development

30 minutes
Exam duration

12 CITIES
Exam will be held in

- Anand
- Pune
- Mumbai
- Bhopal
- Jaipur
- New Delhi
- Bengaluru
- Hyderabad
- Bhubaneswar
- Kolkata
- Lucknow
- Guwahati
- Patna

AIM OF WAT

- Written Ability Test (WAT) examines familiarity with issues of social concern
- Ability to articulate views in a constructive manner on a given topic

STUDENT SPEAKS

I got a call from 11 B-Schools but I chose IRMA as it doesn't have any negative reviews. There is a myth that IRMA offers jobs restricted to rural areas. Also, companies like Mother Dairy and Amul give preference to IRMA under their rural division when compared to IIM's FABM

Arpit Kalra, Second-year student, IRMA

ICFAI BUSINESS STUDIES APTITUDE TEST

Dr P Venkateswarlu, Dean (Admissions), ICFAI Business School (IBS), says, "IBS is a sincere and transparent institute and delivers the promises made to the students be it academic delivery or placements." Excerpts from our conversation

HOW HAS IBSAT EXAM EVOLVED?

Over the years, IBS campuses have attained recognition, and become the most sought-after institutions. IBSAT test has evolved as one of the top all-India admission tests.

HOW IS THIS EXAM DIFFERENT FROM CAT?

When compared to CAT and GMAT, we occupy the fourth place in the country currently.

WHAT KINDS OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT STUDENTS OPTING FOR IBSAT?

Most of the jobs are in corporates, however, not-for-profit organisations, stock trading, family business optimisation, wealth management advisors and managing portfolios of high net worth individuals are some of the opportunities, apart from joining the corporates.

December 16, 2023
Applications close

December 23 & 24, 2023
Exam dates

RESULT First week of January 2024

- Thoroughly understand exam pattern and syllabus
- Prepare and practice dedicatedly
- Manage time well, keep stress in check

2 hours
Exam duration

COMPUTER BASED TEST
(PROCTORED FROM HOME)
MARKING SCHEME

50 MCQs Verbal Ability	30 MCQs Reading Comprehension
30 MCQs Quantitative Aptitude	30 MCQs Data Adequacy & Data Interpretation

9 ICFAI B-SCHOOL HAS CAMPUSES

STUDENT SPEAKS

I graduated in 2018 and thought of pursuing an MBA to explore areas under management courses. So I started my preparation from my second year at T.I.M.E for all the entrance exams and especially for IBSAT, I even took additional classes

Pallabi Sarkar, former student, IBS Pune

MANAGEMENT APTITUDE TEST

Did you know that since February 2023, students abroad who wish to pursue management in Indian colleges, can appear for MAT from their own country? Sanjeev Phatak, Director – Centre for Management Services & IT, All India Management Association (AIMA), the body that conducts the exam, informs. Read on to find out more

HOW HAS MAT EXAM EVOLVED?

Over the years, MAT has become a trusted entrance exam and has gained popularity all across the country. As per the latest figures, more than 700 colleges and B-Schools accept MAT scores.

HOW DOES MAT STAND OUT?

MAT is conducted four times a year. Secondly, we offer MAT in three modes — pen and paper-based, digital-based and remote proctored-based. Also, MAT has centres in Tier-II and Tier-III cities as well.

WHAT KIND OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT STUDENTS?

As AIMA is the apex management body in India, we have prestigious industries with us hence, we know what kind of knowledge and aptitude is required by the recruiters. Our testing pattern is revised as per the industry requirement.

February | May | September | December
MAT CONDUCTED IN 4 SESSIONS

- Understand different sections of the test
- Plan as per your weaknesses and strengths
- Focus on speed and accuracy is required

2.30 hours
Exam duration

200 QUESTIONS

40 questions in 5 sections

For test samples, *visit the website,* ***mat.aima.in***

QUERIES?: *Email at* ***mat@aima.in***

SEPTEMBER 2023 SESSION

49 cities in CBT mode

16 cities in paper-based mode

STUDENT SPEAKS

I took coaching for preparation but you can prepare well with the help of practice papers as well. Read newspapers, articles and magazines and watch English movies to get a good command over English. Logical and digital interpretation are portions where you can score easily as most of the questions are straightforward. It is surely worth pursuing an MBA through MAT as there are a number of good and reputed private colleges in India that accept MAT scores

Mansi Shukla, Appeared for MAT in 2020

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DAY'S DIARY

Apple launches iPod

On this day in 2001, Apple introduced iPod, an MP3 music player that packs up to 1,000 CD-quality songs into an ultra-portable design

TRADEMARK

Small white earbud headphones became an iconic trademark of the product in Apple's pervasive and award-winning advertising campaigns

MUSIC STORE

Apple introduced its iTunes Store in 2003, an online music store that lets customers quickly find, purchase and download the music they want

END OF AN ERA

With the rise of smartphones, Apple discontinued the original iPod Classic in 2014 and the smaller Shuffle and Nano models in 2017

A curated guide to happenings this week

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DIGGING INTO ARCHIVES

An exhibition of rare and unseen photographs of Royal Dasara from 1950s-60s, offers a window into the grand Dasara celebrations of the past

POOJA DAS

PHOTOGRAPHS have always been a window into important events of our past. They encapsulate the moment and give us a chance to briefly touch the past and relive it. But, as times change, photographs become invaluable sights of history, like the exhibition of the unseen photographs of the Royal Dasara from the 1950s-60s, on display at the Indian Institute of World Culture (IIWC), held in collaboration with the Heritage Basavanagudi Residents Welfare Forum till October 25.

Out of the 44 exhibits on display, 25 photographs are from Mysuru's veteran photographer KV Subba Rao, while the rest come from the Wadiyar family's exclusive collection. "Subba Rao was one of the most sought-after photographers for Dasara in Mysuru during the 1950s-60s. He had preserved some photos that he had taken which became an exclusive collection for us," says Maya Chandra, the curator of the exhibition and founder-director of MAYA Films.

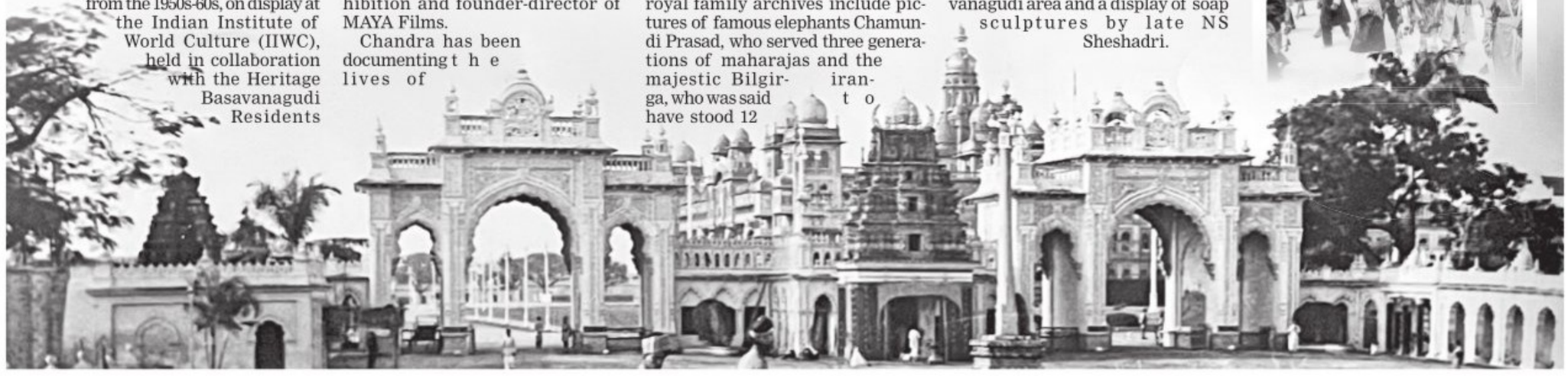
Chandra has been documenting the lives of the royal family for many years now, during which she chanced upon the famous photographer who used to run the famous photo studio, Photo Flash, in the 1950s. The 93-year-old photographer's nephew, Keshavam, visiting the exhibition says, "In my younger days, I used to go and stay with my uncle during Dasara. It takes me back to the days of those grand celebrations, even though I wasn't there when these photographs were taken."

Talking about the significance of the exhibition, Chandra says, "Anything to do with modern day Dasara celebrations, people can go on the internet, but people don't remember or they don't even know how the Royal Dasara looked like, when it was in its full pomp and gaiety. I think the work is important because the Wadiyar family has contributed immensely to the development of the state and the new generations hardly know about them and their legacy. It is important to know our history to know where we are today."

Some rare photographs from the royal family archives include pictures of famous elephants Chamundi Prasad, who served three generations of maharajas and the majestic Bilgiranga, who was said to have stood 12 feet tall. Another exclusive photograph from 1939 showcases the last Dasara of the then maharaja, Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, on the golden throne with his heir Jayachamaraja Wadiyar.

Visitors at the exhibition | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

The exhibition was inaugurated by the daughters of HH Jaya Chamarajendra Wadiyar, Kamakshi Devi and Indrakshi Devi, on October 21. It will end with the screening of a biopic on the photographer Subba Rao on October 25. Along with the photo exhibition, there is also a display of dolls contributed by a group of women from the Basavanagudi area and a display of soap sculptures by late NS Sheshadri.



Colour me red

Red and white sarees are an auspicious attire for Durga Puja. And in Bengaluru, many fashionistas suggest how to give the traditional saree a new-age twist

MONIKA MONALISA

IF there is any colour that could symbolise the spirit of Durga Puja, it is red and white. A nine-yard fabric in this colour combination not only makes a powerful statement but also makes for a gorgeous look. Fashion model **Pranwesha Kundu** has planned this look for the last day of Durga Puja. "The red and white saree is going to be my sindoor khela look on Dashmi. I am going to pair it with gold jewellery that is traditionally Bengali along with a red bindi. I am also planning to go all out to show-off my Bengali roots and natively drape my sari," says Kundu, adding that the versatile look can be draped on any day or event, including for the dhunuchi dance.

Just like Kundu, Ofelia Sarkar, an HR professional and saree-lover from the city, is going to go for the same traditional look for the sindoor khela event but plans to tone it down. "For me, wearing a red and white saree during Durga Puja is an emotion more than a fashion statement. Anyone who wears the saree oozes a divine aura. I like to keep it simple with the spotlight on the saree and pair it with traditional Bengali bangles – shakha and pola," says Sarkar.

If you want to take a break from the traditional style and give it a more modern edge, there are various options too. Bugeshree Dey, a fashion stylist, likes to style her saree in a way where she gets the best of both worlds. "I like the primary colours, white and red, to be highlighted. So I am wearing a red-strapped blouse and the saree is in an off-white tone," says Dey, who is going in for a no-jewellery look but will get her hand painted with alta (red liquid).

MEANING BEHIND THE COLOURS

The colour red symbolises strength, power, fertility, auspiciousness, and new beginnings. White stands for simplicity, purity, and patience. Aishwarya Baruah, a fashion model, explains the combination of the colours red and white is something that goddess Durga stands for symbolically. "Though traditionally only married women were expected to wear it, in modern days the rule is extended to everyone who wants to welcome Durga Maa."

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GRUB HUB

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'** The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Monday. The first prize winner will receive a voucher worth ₹2,000 from Sector 144.**

THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1) Huli 2) Ambali 3) Horse Gram

FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Rohan M
2) Priyanka B
3) Mukesh Kumar

CITY READ

New Burmese restaurant launched

The cuisine of Myanmar is one which has undergone many changes through the decades. At the recently-launched Burmese restaurant Société Rangoon in JP Nagar, the dishes one can look out for are, laphet thohk, a traditional salad made using fermented tea leaf; nan gyi thohk, a dish with rice noodles mixed with curried chicken and chilli oil; fermented chicken wings, a signature household dish of Burma; mohinga, a black rice and sticky white rice dish that is wrapped in banana leaf and served with mixed mushrooms.
The price for two is ₹2,000.

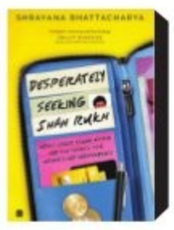
BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday to our sweet little princess! May your birthday be wonderful and full of surprises & Joys.

Best Wishes From :
Father : Kumar
Mother: Pushpa
& Family

SUBHASHREE.K
BIRTHDAY DATE : 23/10/2023

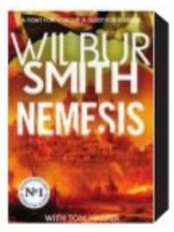
BOOK NOOK



Desperately Seeking Shah Rukh

By Shrayana Bhattacharya

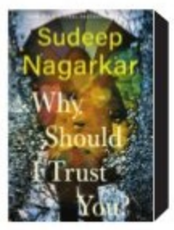
The book follows a fascinating tale of a diverse group of women, divided by class but united in their admiration for Shah Rukh Khan. It gives a unique window into the desires, prayers and thoughts of Indian women as they search for intimacy through the fantasies of a fandom.



Nemesis

By Wilbur Smith

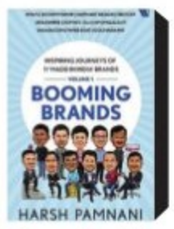
The story of three generations involved in a quest for family honour, revenge and justice. Riddled with exciting twists, turns and conspiracies, it has the makings of the perfect historical epic.



Why Should I Trust You?

By Sudeep Nagarkar

Nagarkar's gripping story of an eighteen-year-old, Nandini, trying to piece together her life after she regains consciousness from a coma has the perfect blend of romance, passion, thriller and mystery to keep the readers hooked till the end.

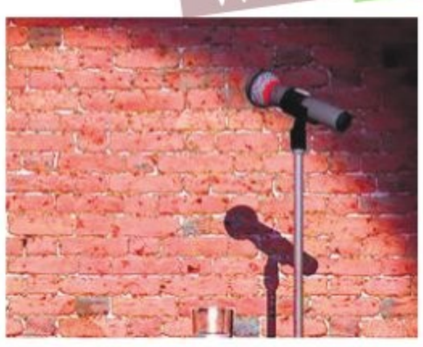


Booming Brands

By Harsh Pamnani

The book gives us the triumphant journeys of eleven thriving 'Made in India' brands that have made their mark in a contemporary, dynamic, and saturated business landscape.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE



Comedy Extravaganza

Experience an evening full of fun and joy with this stand-up comedy show, featuring talented comics hailing from various corners of the country.

WHEN: Oct 23, 8pm
WHERE: Chai Theatre, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Moulding Art

This workshop combines guided instruction and hands-on practice to provide a deep understanding of the art of pottery. Explore various hand-building and wheel-throwing techniques, engage in discussions about ceramics, and gain valuable skills to pursue your pottery journey independently.

WHEN: Oct 23, 10am
WHERE: Wheel and Potter Pottery Studio, Srinivasa Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Theatre Time

Sakal Jaani He Naath is a comedy folk musical that takes a humorous and thought-provoking look at the dynamics between men and women in today's world. It revisits the well-known mythological story of Lord Krishna and his friend Sudama but with a modern twist.

WHEN: Oct 24, 7.30pm **WHERE:** Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Disco Dandiya

Get ready to groove with dandiyas in a disco twist with a fusion of Bollywood and traditional dandiya music, featuring DJ Shams and more! Step onto a spacious dance floor and spin to the energetic beats of dandiya music as the festive spirits run high!

WHEN: Oct 23, 9pm **WHERE:** Babylonia-Global Food and Cocktails, Koramangala **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Cake Crafting

Discover the art of baking in a two-hour workshop led by a pro pastry chef. Learn the secrets of kneading, rolling, and folding and savour freshly-baked treats created by you.

WHEN: Oct 23, 3pm
WHERE: Small World S.T. Bed, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Soulful Verses

Immerse yourself in an enchanting celebration of the spoken word at the Write Out Loud Poetry Evening as poets and poetry enthusiasts come together to share their creative expressions and collectively revel in the elegance of language.

WHEN: Oct 24, 4.30pm
WHERE: Lahe Lahe, Kodihalli **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Cocktail Soiree

A selected curation of the finest handcrafted cocktails that will tantalise your taste buds and elevate your Monday mood. Whether you're a cocktail connoisseur or just looking to unwind after a long day, our expert mixologists will craft you the perfect drink.

WHEN: Oct 23, 8pm
WHERE: Ottoman Restobar, Bellandur
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

PAINTED DREAMSCAPES

Viewers take in the serenity of P Meiyappan's recent series of paintings, Dreamy Woodland, capturing the landscape of his village in Tamil Nadu, exhibited at Sublime Galleria on Vittal Mallya Road | VINOD KUMAR T

QUICK FIX

MYSORE BONDA

Contributed by **Saloni Arora,** Delhi

INGREDIENTS

- **Wheat flour/Refined wheat flour:** 1 cup
- **Rice flour:** 3-4 tbsp
- **Curd:** 3-4 tbsp
- **Ginger (grated):** 1/2 tsp
- **Baking soda:** 1 tsp
- **Green chilli (chopped):** 1
- **Cumin:** 1/2 tsp
- **Onions (finely chopped):** 1/2
- **Salt:** 1/2 tsp

METHOD

- Add wheat flour, rice flour, baking soda, salt, cumin, green chilli, ginger, and onions in a bowl. Mix it well.
- To bind the ingredients, pour some curd. Follow it up with some water. Ensure that the batter has a thick or a drop consistency. You can add more water or curd if needed.
- Heat oil in a pan and regulate the flame to medium. Take around 1 tbsp of batter, shape it into a ball and gently drop it in the oil. Fry them until they become crispy and golden on the outside. Relish it with your favourite chutney.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

PRASARITA TADASANA HANDS ON HIPS

(STANDING WIDE LEGGED POSE HANDS ON HIPS)

This is a standing yoga pose, which is a variation with base pose as Prasarita Padottanasana (Intense Leg Stretch Pose). This variation can be included in senior yoga encouraging the students to be aware of their breath

STEPS

- Start in Tadasana (Mountain Pose), keeping your legs together with the hands by your side, and tuck your chin in, standing firm on the ground.
- Inhale, and do the standing wide-legged pose with hands on hips, keeping your legs 3 feet apart.
- Exhale and make sure that your hands are on the hips and the head, back, and hips in one line.
- Stay in this standing, wide-legged pose with hands on hips for about five breaths or as per the body's comfortability, and take in deep breaths.
- Keep your facial muscles relaxed and your core engaged.
- To release, exhale, lower the hands down, and keep them on the side of your body. Now, exhale and get back into Tadasana.
- Finally, relax in Dirga Pranayama Tadasana (Three Part Breath Mountain Pose).

BENEFITS

- It gives a good stretch right from the armpits to the tips of the fingers.
- Stretches the arms, shoulders, muscles of the lower back and abdomen.
- Engages the calves, quadriceps, and hip flexors.
- Ensures that the intercostal muscles are active and put to use most efficiently.
- Encourages deep breathing.
- Beneficial for senior citizens and students with asthma.
- Strengthens the joints of the fingers, wrists, shoulders, hips, knees, and ankles.
- Acts as a foundational pose for seated, prone, and supine poses.
- Helps in increasing the stability and balance of the body.

LIMITATIONS

People who are experiencing high blood pressure, acute pain in the neck and shoulder, have injuries in the upper back, neck, arms, or shoulders, have rotator cuff tears, shoulder impingement or instability, have cervical disc herniation, or have undergone recent shoulder surgery, should avoid this.

People with balance issues, vertigo, dizziness, or a weak body frame can take the practice slowly. Beginners and seniors can use a wall support to maintain balance.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

MUMBAI DIARIES (Hindi, series)

Mumbai Diaries Season 2 is set during the harrowing Mumbai floods in 2005. The series returns with the doctors and residents of the Bombay general hospital as they tackle the unprecedented natural disaster.

Cast: Mohit Raina, Konkona Sen Sharma, Shreya Dhanwanthary, Natasha Bhardwaj

Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

MELODY DRAMA (Kannada)

The movie revolves around Karthik and Hita, whose paths are separated because of a misunderstanding. But fate reunites them to rekindle their love.

Cast: Rajesh Nataranga, Anu Prabhakar, Rangayana Raghu

Watch on: Netflix

SULTAN OF DELHI (Hindi, series)

The narrative is about Arjun Bhatia, a survivor of the 1947 partition as he rises to power in Delhi's underworld. Fuelled by ambition and his calling to become the Sultan of Delhi, Arjun must navigate a treacherous landscape to emerge victorious.

Cast: Tahir Raj Bhasin, Anjum Sharma, Nishant Dahiya

Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

MATTI KATHA (Telugu)

Set in a village near Hyderabad, the movie has narrates the tale of college friends, their joys, the loss of their ancestral land and a sinister conspiracy behind the scenes.

Cast: Raju Aluri, Mallesh B, G Nanda Kishore

Watch on: AhaTelugu

SAPTA SAGARADAACHE ELLO - SIDE A (Kannada)

Manu and Priya dream of finding a home. The catch is that they are far removed from this reality and have no means financially to aid that dream.

Cast: Rakshit Shetty, Rukmini Vasanth, Chaitra Achar

Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

MATHAGAM PART 2 (Tamil, series)

The series delves into the intricate ties between law enforcement and criminals, following two central characters deeply involved in a high-stakes pursuit and evasion game.

Cast: Atharvaa, K Manikandan, Gautham Vasudev Menon, Nikhila Vimal

Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

MISS SHETTY MR POLISHETTY (Telugu)

Anvita Shetty, a chef, moves from the UK to Hyderabad. In her quest to find something more in her life, she encounters Siddhu Polishetty, a professional stand-up comedian. The story unfolds into a romantic comedy.

Cast: Naveen Polishetty, Anushka Shetty, Keshav Deepak, Abhinav Gomatam

Watch on: Netflix

FOREIGN

THE FALL OF THE HOUSE OF USHER (English, series)

The series centres around siblings Roderick and Madeline Usher, who have transformed Fortunato Pharmaceuticals into a vast "empire of riches, privilege, and authority".

Cast: Kate Siegel, Carla Gugino, Bruce Greenwood

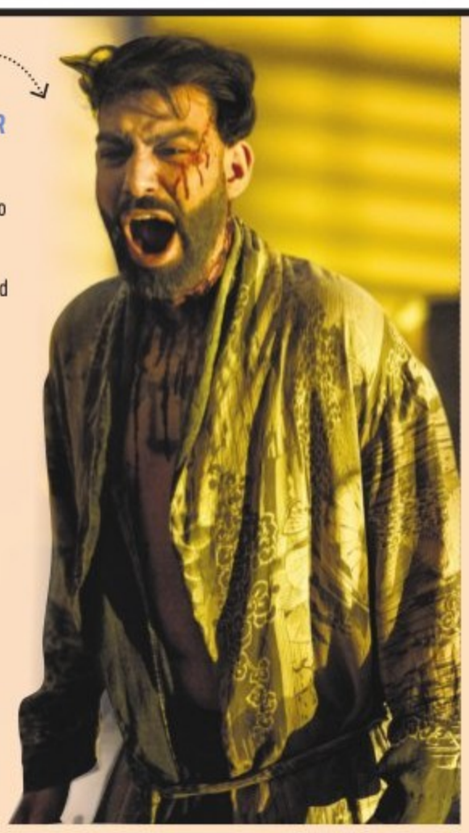
Watch on: Netflix

A GOOD DAY TO BE A DOG (Korean, series)

The tale revolves around Han Hae-na, a high school teacher hailing from a family afflicted by a strange curse. Whenever she kisses a guy, she turns into a dog.

Cast: Cha Eun-woo, Park Gyu-young, Lee Hyun-woo

Watch on: Viki Ratuken



TIGER AND CRANE (Chinese, series)

This series narrates the journey of a group of teenagers who navigate the chaos of the world to rescue it, driven by the promise of their dreams, love, and responsibilities.

Cast: Jiang Long, Zhang Ling He, Wang Yu Wen, Chen You Wei

Watch on: iQiyi

NOWHERE (Spanish)

Pregnant Mia escapes a totalitarian country but faces a life-or-death ordeal when a storm sends her hiding container overboard, leading to her giving birth and fighting to protect her newborn.

Cast: Anna Castillo, Tamar Novas, Tony Corvillo

Watch on: Netflix

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Viki Ratuken:	₹299/month
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SonyLIV:	₹299/month

Honda launches new editions of H'ness CB350

Gearing up for the festive season, Honda India launched two new avatars of H'ness CB350 - Legacy and New Hue. These special versions are priced at ₹2,16,356 and ₹2,19,357, respectively (both ex-showroom). H'ness CB350 and CB350RS are powered by a 348.36cc, air-cooled, 4-stroke, single-cylinder engine with 15.5kW power and 30Nm torque.

Tata Motors announces new Harrier, Safari

Tata Motors announced the commencement of bookings for the new Harrier and Safari models. These SUVs come in four distinct personas and some very attractive design changes. While the Harrier boasts ADAS with adaptive cruise control, seven airbags, smart e-shifter, paddle shifters, and dual-zone fully automatic temperature control, the Safari is equipped with Bi-LED projector headlamps, gesture-controlled power tailgate, and a 31.24cm Harman infotainment system.

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FORTNIGHTLY SEGMENT ON WHAT'S REVVING UP IN THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR

New releases, price reveals, fresh upgrades and more.... automotive analyst **Lekshmi C Pillai** brings you the latest updates from the world of wheels

The writer is a freelance auto expert who hosts TV shows and anchors the YouTube channel 'CARKADUVA'

Citroen announces price for its SUV C3 Aircross

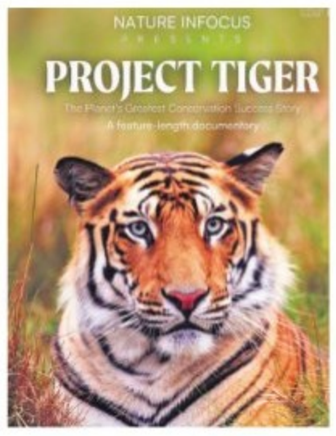
Despite the fierce competition in the mid-size SUV segment, Citroen, one of the recent entrants, has been able to get a pie of the lucrative market by way of its pricing and features. While rivals have priced their vehicles between ₹11-21 lakh, the C3 Aircross' five-seater model starts at ₹9.99 lakh. Citroen also boasts a 1.2-litre Turbo Petrol Engine (110ps power, 190Nm torque), which is the best in the segment. The vehicle also offers utmost travel comfort, thanks to its well-tuned suspension and good cushioning.

Kia launches Carens X-Line

Kia India introduced the exclusive X-Line trim for its Carens line-up starting at a price of ₹18.94 lakh. It offers two variants, Petrol 7DCT and Diesel 6AT, available in a six-seater configuration. This new trim boasts significant exterior and interior design enhancements unique to the X-Line styling. The Carens X-Line is equipped with an exclusive rear-seat entertainment screen for rear passengers, featuring podcasts, screen mirroring, and a variety of other entertainment apps.

Yamaha India launches MotoGP edition of Aerox 155

Yamaha India has launched the 2023 MotoGP edition of Aerox 155. The special edition, which boasts the Yamaha MotoGP livery on the body, is equipped with a Class D headlight which offers improved distribution of light and enhanced visibility on roads. It also features a traction control system (TCS) and is powered by a new generation 155cc Blue Core engine equipped with variable valve actuation (VVA). Mated to a CVT transmission, the liquid-cooled, 4-stroke, 4-valve motor produces a max power output of 15PS at 8,000rpm with 13.9Nm of peak torque produced at 6,500rpm. The Maxi-sports scooter is also E20 fuel-compliant, and has an onboard diagnostics and hazard system as a standard feature. It is priced at ₹1,48,300 (ex-showroom).



A GLIMPSE INTO THE WILD SIDE

Nature inFocus, a production house specialising in stories from the natural world, announced the launch of its documentary film, *Project Tiger*. This documentary, set to debut on November 4, is an account of India's flagship conservation initiative, Project Tiger, which has become the most ambitious conservation project in history.

The documentary offers an intimate look into the world of tigers and the ancient forests where they thrive, while uncovering the shocking truths behind multinational wildlife crime.

Kalyan Varma, filmmaker, said, "It is a testament to the legacy of India, a narrative that instills a sense of national pride, and fosters the values of hope and resilience intertwined with the profound connection between humanity and the wilderness. However, the road to the success of India's mission to save tigers has been anything but easy. This documentary is a tribute to the dedication of the individuals, some perhaps left with no alternative, who played a pivotal role in catalysing this transformative journey."

The documentary delves into the past to understand why and how we reached a state where the majestic tiger became almost extinct. It elaborates on how India rallied its people to support the cause to save this iconic species from extinction, overcome challenges and in turn saved not just the tiger but the larger ecosystem. From almost losing all our tigers to becoming the only country to run a project like this for over 50 years, this documentary is a compelling call to action.

Rohit Varma, filmmaker, said, "This documentary is close to our hearts, and we take pride in the fact this is an Indian story. India harbours more than 70 per cent of the global wild tiger population and their increased presence through Project Tiger has redefined the landscape of conservation. So far the full story has remained out of the public eye. With our documentary, we aspire to showcase the legacy of this project. Ultimately it's a story of hope. A story of Indian conservation told by Indian people, in a country where their deep-rooted connection with nature has manifested into a single movement. This is the essential conservation narrative for our times."

(The film will premiere in Bengaluru on Nov 4, at Marakata, Chamara Vajra, Jayamahal. The premiere will be followed by a live performance by the band Indian Ocean)

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JAICY DEENA** D/o **Joy Thomas,** R/at Door No.1, BBMP 35 Srirama Reddy Layout, 6th B Cross, Kaggadasapura CV Raman Nagar Post, Bengaluru- 93 have changed my name to **JAICY THOMAS** vide affidavit dated: 18/10/2023 Before Notary **A.R.Muneer Ahmed** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MAANYATHA ARAVIND S,** W/o Aravind Babu K S, aged 39 years, R/at No. 1780, Ananda Nilaya, Christian Colony, 100 feet Road, Mandya Pin-571401, Karnataka, India do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MEHELLA STANULET S** to **MAANYATHA ARAVIND S,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MAANYATHA ARAVIND S** only, vide affidavit dated 20-10-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **B. ESHWAR** S/o Chikkabhavana Sa, aged about 67 years, R/at No. 20/5, 29th Cross, Cubbonpet, Bangalore-560002, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **B. ESHWAR** to **B. ESHWAR SA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **B. ESHWAR SA** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 06-01-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **LAKSHMAIAH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Mr. B.Sheshadri Naidu, S/o. B.Chengalraya Naidu, aged about 51 years, R/at # 5/16, Vinayaka Nagar, 6th Cross, Kathriguppe Main Road, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore - 560085 Varthur Main Road, Marathahalli, Bengaluru - 560 037, Karnataka, India, have changed my name from **'BANDHU SHESHADRI NAIDU'** to **'BONDHU SHESHADRI NAIDU'**. Vide Affidavit dated 20.10.2023. Sworn before Advocate & Notary Rashmi Patel, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, Ramaiah C, & Smt. Roopa B. Residing at #18 9th Cross 4th Main, Mahaganapathinagara, West of Chord Road, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru.-560 010, have changed our Daughter's Name from **Kum. NANDITHA B.R.** to **Kum. YASHASWINI R** vide Affidavit dated 21-10-2023 sworn before Smt. K.C. Gowthami, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GOUSUNNISA M**, D/o. Mahamad Dawood, R/a. No. 5/6, 19th Cross, Thunga Road, 20th Main Road, SMS Layout, J P Nagar, 5th Phase, Bangalore South- 560078. I have changed my name from **Gousunnisa Mahamad Eqbal** to **GOUSUNNISA M**. Vide affidavit date: 17.10.2023. Sworn before notary: T N Bharathi.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **D. RAKSHA**, W/o. Sri. Mahesh .H and D/o. Sri. K.N. Dodda Thammegowda, Aged about 36 years, resident of No. 484, 6th A Cross Road, 12th Main Road, AGB Layout, Chikkabanavara, Bengaluru - 560 090, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **AMIBKA** to **D. RAKSHA** vide affidavit dated 20.10.2023 sworn to before K. Ramegowda, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, Sajeed M S and S Anees Fathima resident of 166, 3rd floor, 6th Cross road, 1st Main Road, Near Adarsh Hospital, Kengeri Satellite Town, Bangalore - 560060 we have changed our minor son's name from **S Mohammed Samad** to **Abdus Samad M S** Vide Affidavit dated 21-10-2023 sworn before Advocate & Notary C.N. Balasubramanyam, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CLARA DSOUZA** (Old name) W/o. Theodore Dsouza Residing at: No. 586, Near Suryodaya School, Doddaballapur main Road, Rajanukunte, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru North -560064, Have Changed My Name from **CLARA DSOUZA** to **CLARA RODRIGUS** Vide affidavit Dated : 20-10-2023, Sworn before the notary M.Radhamma at Doddaballapur.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RANGANATH .M**, S/o Magalingappa, R/at No. 295/47, Jayalakshmi Building, 1st Cross, Begur, Bettadasanapura, Bengaluru-560100, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RANGE GOWDA** to **RANGANATH .M,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **RANGANATH .M** only, vide affidavit dated 13-10-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **SUMITHRA .N** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Mrs. Krishnamma B, W/o. B.Sheshadri Naidu, aged about 43 years, R/at # 115, Sy.No.1, Bikasipura, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore - 560078, have changed my name from **'KRISHNAMMA BANDU'** to **"KRISHNAMMA BONDHU'**. Vide Affidavit dated 20.10.2023. Sworn before Advocate & Notary Rashmi Patel, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SRI. PRABHUDEVA K.N** (Adhar No.3604 6593 1119) aged about 64 years, presently residing at #127, Harsha Nilaya, 4th B Cross, 3rd B Main Road, Near Ayyappa Temple, Someshwara Nagar, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore - 560065, my daughter Smt. Namitha Prabhu W/o Venkatesh Prabhu Santhamani their son name Changed from **MAHANTH VENKATESH PRABHU** to **MANAV VENKATESH,** vide affidavit dated 18/10/2023 sworn to before Prakasha C advocate and notary Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **NASREEN TAJ** W/o Jaffer Sadiq, aged about 50 years, R/at 9th Cross, Hassan Road, Right Side, Arsikere Town, Arsikere Taluk, Hassan Dist., do hereby declare that both the names i.e., **JAFFER SADIQ** and **JAFFERR SADIQUE** are one and the same and belongs to my husband only, vide affidavit dated 10-10-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **H.S. GEETHA** at Arsikere.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SOFIA ABDUL HAMEED**, D/o. Abdul Hameed Mapil Badua, Aged about 27 years, Residing at Flat No. A302, Greens Square Apartment, Ananthapura Main Road, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560 064, do hereby declare that my correct & original name is **SOFIA ABDUL HAMEED** which is evidenced in Aadhar Card and Pan Card. But in my previous Passport it is wrongly entered as **SOFIA.** I hereby submit that my correct name is **SOFIA ABDUL HAMEED** vide affidavit dated 21.10.2023 sworn to before G.R. Ravichandra Reddy, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DEEPA SHIVAMUTHY**, W/o. Shivamurthy K, Aged about 38 years, Resident of # 25, Gopasandra Village, Ibasapura Post, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural PIN - 562 129, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name to **DEEPA NARAYANASWAMY** vide affidavit dated 18.10.2023 sworn to before S.P. Gandhi, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru Rural District.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SRINIVAS KABBE,** resident of No. 1224/B1, Saraf Galli Shahapur, Belgaum, Karnataka-590003, have changed my name to **SHRINIVAS SANTOSH KABBE** Vide Affidavit dated 21.10.2023 sworn before advocate and notary C.N. Balasubramanyam, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Johnson S/o David Residing at No.402, Sanjaygandhi Nagar, Nandinilayout, B'lore - 96. My name Mentioned in Aadhar card as Johnson S/o David, P.U.C. marks card as Johnson D. S/o David, & S.S.L.C marks Card as Johnson S/o Devika. Hereby Declare that I'm using Johnson S/o David for Further Documents vide affidavit dated 18.10.2023 Sworn Before Notary D.G.Shanthappa, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Sayali Atul Sakalkale, aged about 29 years, W/o. Mr. Ruturaj Ramesh Patil, R/at Apt #H-304, Rohan Vasantha Apartments, Varthur Main Road, Marathahalli, Bengaluru - 560 037, Karnataka, India, have changed my name from **'SAYALI ATUL SAKALKALE'** to **'SAYALI RUTURAJ PATIL'**. Vide Affidavit dated 20.10.2023. Sworn before Advocate & Notary Indira S.S, Bangalore.

ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರ
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AFFIDAVIT
I, **SHYLAJA .M**, W/o Lingaraje Gowda, aged about 57 years, R/at #16, Lakshmi Nilaya, 6th Main Road, Near Ashoka Heights Shankaranagara, Mahalakshmi Layout, Bengaluru North, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560096, do hereby declare that both names i.e. **SHYLAJA** and **SHYLAJA M** are one and same and belongs to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHYLAJA M** only, vide affidavit dated 21st Oct 2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAMATHA .N.K** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SILPY SIKHA SARANGI,** daughter of Service No. 668537G SGT Sachikanta Sarangi, R/at No. E34/5, DRDO Township Phase-2, C V Raman Nagar, Bengaluru-560093, have changed my name from **SILPY SIKHA SARANGI** to **SHILPI SIKHA SARANGI,** vide affidavit dated 19-10-2023 before **VII Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate,** Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Mrs. RAKA BANERJEE**, W/o. S. Kumar, Residing at No. 16, Vijayalakshmi Apartments, 3rd Main, Gokul Layout, Peenya 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560 058, do hereby declare that my daughter **RAYA BANERJEE** born on 05/08/2016, her daughter's birth certificate her name in-advertently mentioned as **RAYA YADAV** instead of **RAYA BANERJEE** and her father name in-advertently mentioned as **S. KUMAR** instead of **SAURABH KUMAR** vide affidavit dated 09.08.2023 sworn to before Meer Hassan, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **TANUJ KRISHNA PRASAD DESHPANDE,** S/o Krishna Prasad Deshpande, Aged 31 Years, Residing address: No. B111, ATZ Splendor, Rachenahalli Main Road, Govt High School, Thanisandra, Bangalore North, Karnataka- 560077. have changed my name to **TANUJ DESHPANDE** Vide Affidavit dated 21.10.2023 sworn before advocate and notary D. RAJANNA, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHAHTAJ,** resident of No. 40, Gangamma Devi Temple Road, Magammanapalya, Bangalore South, Bangalore 560068., have changed my name to **SHATAJ** Vide Affidavit dated 21.10.2023 sworn before advocate and notary M. RAJENDRA, Bangalore

'7-STAR SULTAN HAS DELIVERED A STANDOUT PERFORMANCE IN *TAGARU PALYA*'

... says director Umesh K Krupa, as he discusses his directorial debut, which is backed by Daali Pictures and stars Nagabhushan and Amrutha Prem

A SHARADHAA

Umesh K Krupa, with a background as a sculptor, has embarked on his directorial journey after spending over a decade as an assistant and associate director under seasoned filmmakers. He is now ready to make his mark with *Tagaru Palya*, scheduled for release on October 27.

Reflecting on his experience working with various filmmakers, Umesh shared, "The privilege of working with experienced directors like Yogaraj Bhat, Nagashekar, and Pavan Wadeyar helped me to draw inspiration from them and I consider it a valuable learning experience."

Hailing from Shivamogga, the director aspires to infuse his stories and films with unique aesthetics, and with Tagaru Palya, he has already generated significant buzz with the recently launched trailer, unveiled by Challenging Star Darshan.

"My familiarity with the local culture, along with my experience as an art director, inspired me to write and direct *Tagaru Palya*. This film is centered around a culinary tradition in small-town Karnataka, and is inspired by an incident from my own family. It was a tradition that commenced at sunset and had to conclude by sunrise, and I found the entire sacrificial function filled with comical elements. I decided to showcase this in my directorial debut," mentions Umesh, as he gives a sneakpeak into *Tagaru Palya*.

"The film revolves around a couple's vow to ensure their daughter's marriage through a sacrificial ritual, which takes a humorous twist when the sacrificial RAM refuses to cooperate. The film will delve deeply into life, tradition, and culture, exploring a raw and realistic subject matter," he says.

According to the director, actor Dhananjay, who is producing the film under the Daali Pictures banner, played a pivotal role in bringing the project to life. "At one of the meetings, he accidentally asked me what I was doing, and when I shared this story in one line, he got excited within ten minutes. Later, I presented him with the bound script, and the next day, he decided to make it a film. Today, the film has reached new heights thanks to Dhananjay's involvement," he says.

Tagaru Palya features Nagabhushana and marks the tinsel town debut of Amrutha Prem, along with Rangayana Raghu, Tara, Sharath Lohithashwa, and others.

Apart from the cast, the RAM also plays a pivotal role in *Tagaru Palya*. Sharing his experience of working with the male sheep named 7 Star Sultan, Umesh says, "Dogs are often considered family members, while other animals like cocks, hens, or sheep are typically used for sacrifice. In North Karnataka, RAMs are revered. So when I went in search of such animals, I literally passed through 45 RAMs. Among the whole lot, 7 Star Sultan stood out. This animal, which has won several medals back in its village, is truly the star of my film. The male sheep, according to me, delivered one of the standout performances. The RAM was given VIP treatment during the shoot, receiving pistachios, almond milk, and warm baths," he shared.

Tagaru Palya features music by Vasuki Vaibhav and has SK Rao as the cinematographer. Tagaru Palya features music by Vasuki Vaibhav and has SK Rao as the cinematographer.

Director Umesh K Krupa with 7 Star Sultan on the sets of *Tagaru Palya*

Nagabhushan and Amrutha Prem

Vivek Ranjan Agnihotri and Dr SL Bhyrappa

I aim to do justice to Dr SL Bhyrappa's *Parva*: Vivek Ranjan Agnihotri

CE FEATURES

Legendary author Dr. SL Bhyrappa's *Parva* is set to be adapted to the big screen by noted filmmaker Vivek Ranjan Agnihotri, known for his movies like *The Kashmir Files, The Tashkent Files,* and *The Vaccine War*. The film, which has been in preparations for the last year, also has Prakash Belawadi as co-writer.

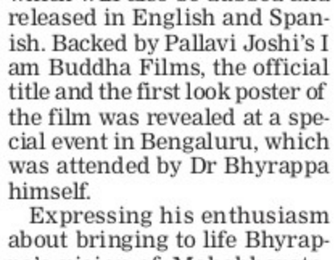
The makers who have titled the film as *Parva* - An epic tale of Dharma, will be made in three parts. *Parva* will be a Kannada-Hindi bilingual, which will also be dubbed and released in English and Spanish. Backed by Pallavi Joshi's I am Buddha Films, the official title and the first look poster of the film was revealed at a special event in Bengaluru, which was attended by Dr Bhyrappa himself.

Expressing his enthusiasm about bringing to life Bhyrappa's vision of Mahabharata, Vivek says, "I believe that great stories like epics need no inspiration. I have always wanted to see this project come to fruition." The filmmaker aims to cast Kannada actors in *Parva,* especially Yash, who is one of his top choices.

Vivek believes that *Parva* is a modern classic that stays true to history, logic, and human behaviour. "The essence of Mahabharata will be faithfully preserved in this cinematic adaptation," he says.

This project has raised high expectations among audiences, and Vivek Agnihotri promises not to disappoint. "I aim to do justice to the story. I want to bridge the gap between languages and ideologies," says the director.

The preparation work of the project began a year ago, and the makers will take another year for extensive research before going on floors.


Pallavi Joshi and Prakash Belawadi

...says filmmaker Aravind Kaushik, who has directed the biker in the upcoming film, *Ardhambarda Premakathe*

Divya Uruduga, and Aravind KP

'Bike racer-turned-actor Aravind KP has excelled in his role'

CE FEATURES

Former contestants of Bigg Boss Kannada Season 7 Divya Uruduga and bike racer Aravind KP are all set to appear on the silver screen together. The off-screen couple are teaming up in *Huliraya* director Aravind Kaushik's upcoming film, *Ardhambarda Premakathe*. The film is set for a November release.

The team recently unveiled the first lyrical video, *Huchchu Manasina Hudugi*, with lyrics written by director Aravind himself. The song features vocals by Vasuki Vaibhav and Prithvi Bhat, with music composed by Arjun Janya.

During the song's launch, the director revealed how they decided to bring bike racer Aravind KP into *Ardhambarda Premakathe*. "I noticed Aravind during a discussion of my story with Divya Uruduga. I found Aravind to be charming, and decided to cast him in my film. While Aravind initially expressed his lack of experience in acting, I gave him the confidence, and he has definitely excelled in his role," says the director.

The film, which explores the challenges young couples face when transitioning from love to a relationship, includes four songs.

Aravind, speaking about the film, acknowledged that acting is a demanding job, and how director Aravind and Divya supported him and helped him overcome the challenges of cinema.

Produced by Buxus Media, RAC Visuals, and Lighthouse Media, Ardambarda Premakathe is distributed by Manjunath Gowda's Shalini Arts.

The film, which marks the return of actor Abhilash Vishesh after 25 years, also features Santosh Upadhyay, Alok R, Shreya Babu, Venkatesha Shastry, Pradeep Roshan, Suraj Hugar, and Sujish Shetty. The film's cinematography is handled by Surya, and editing is taken care of by Shivraj Mehu.

Dheeren Ramkumar and director Chethan Kumar collaborate for a family entertainer

CE FEATURES

Dheeren Ramkumar made his debut with *Shiva 143* (2020), directed by Anil Kumar and produced by Jayanna Productions. After playing the waiting game, Dheeren has greenlit his next endeavour.

Dheeren is set to work with director Chethan Kumar, known for films like *Bharjari, Bahaddhur,* and *James*. If all had gone as planned, Dheeren's next film was originally intended to be with *Badava Rascal* director Shankar Guru. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, the project was delayed, and Dheeren has moved on to this project with Chethan Kumar.

Meanwhile, Chethan is currently committed to a project with actor Rakksh Ram, titled *Burma*. The first schedule of this commercial entertainer was recently wrapped up in Mangaluru. He will commence working on the film with Dheeren once he wraps up *Burma*.

Dheeren's sophomore film is expected to be a family entertainer, and the makers are planning to begin shooting the project early next year.

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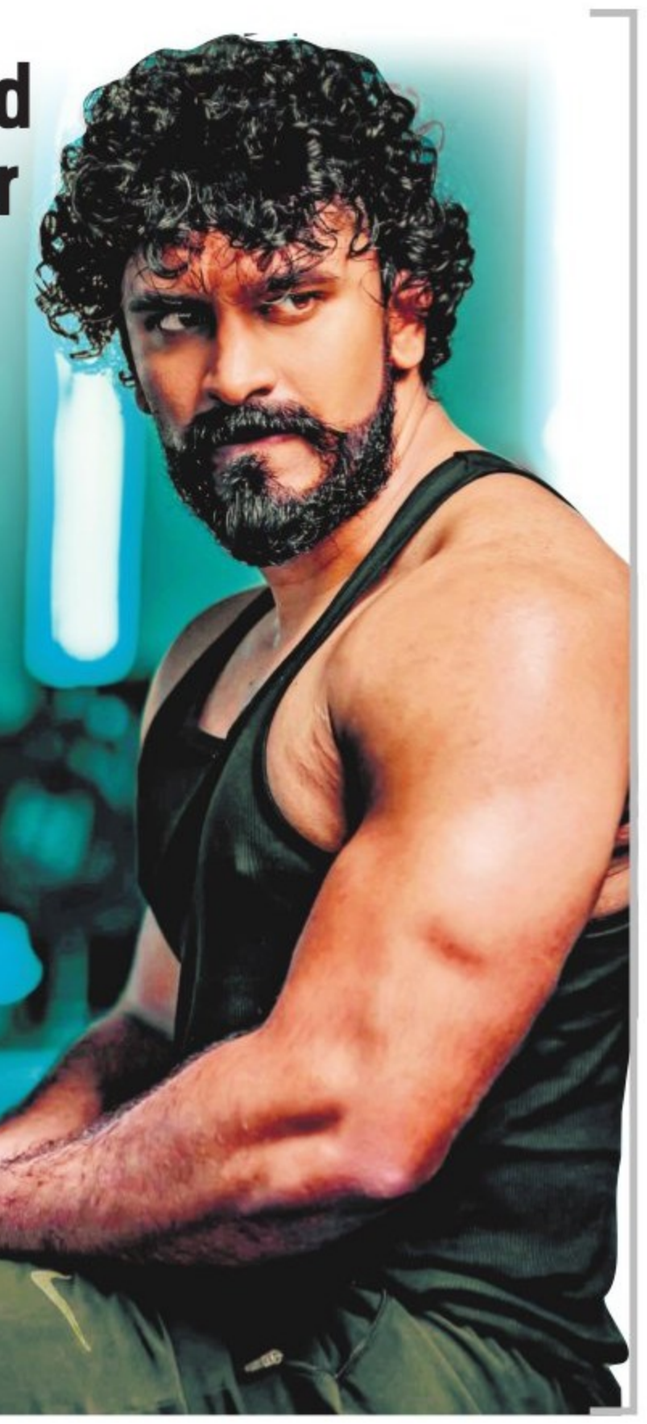

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Srinidhi Shetty on board Kichcha Sudeep-Cheran project

The film, tentatively titled Kichcha 47, is backed by Sathya Jyothi Pictures

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Kichcha Sudeep, currently engaged in the filming of *Max* under the direction of debutant Vijay Karthikeya, is simultaneously preparing for his 47th project with National Award-winning filmmaker Cheran.

Bankrolled by Satya Jyothi Pictures, the project is in the early stages of development. As the casting process unfolds, the production team has now revealed that Srinidhi Shetty will be starring in the film alongside Sudeep. This announcement was made on the occasion of the KGF actor's birthday. Model-turned-actor Srinidhi, rose to fame with her debut in Prashanth Neel-Yash's *KGF*. She further made her mark in the Tamil film industry with *Cobra* starring Vikram and is all set to make her entry into the Telugu cinema with *Telasu Kada*.

Kichcha 47, which is billed as a multilingual project, will mark her third venture in Kannada cinema.